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If all you know about our city is that the Space Needle is here and it rains a lot, we have a lot to catch you up on. The staff at *The Stranger* (Seattle's best newspaper) has put together this guide to the best places to go and things to do while you're here. We'll get into specifics later, but first, here's a primer on our city's diverse neighborhoods (it's not just Pike Place Market) and what you can do in each one.

Fremont

Known for: Referring to itself as the Center of the Universe, lots of hippies, and the Solstice Parade and naked bike ride in June.

Check out: Public art like the Fremont Troll and the Statue of Lenin, tours of the Theo Chocolate Factory, the nearly 20-mile Burke-Gilman Trail through the city, and year-round flea market goodies at the Fremont Sunday Market.

Ballard

Known for: A mix of classic, seagoing, Scandinavian Seattle with hipster breweries and upscale bars.

Check out: The huge Sunday Ballard Farmers Market, the brand-new Nordic Museum, the fish ladders at the Ballard Locks, and sunsets at Golden Gardens Park.

Queen Anne

Known for: Old, beautiful homes on Queen Anne Hill and proximity to the Space Needle.

Check out: A panoramic view of the skyline from Kerry Park and art-house movies at SIFF Cinema Uptown.

Seattle Center

Known for: The Space Needle.

Check out: Marvel and Nirvana exhibits at the Museum of Pop Culture, the Chihuly Garden and Glass museum, music at the Vera Project, radio station KEXP, local food in the Armory, and Pacific Northwest Ballet and Seattle Opera performances.

Belltown

Known for: Trendy bars, shops, clubs, and restaurants.

Check out: Art installations and Puget Sound views from the Olympic Sculpture Park, shows at the Crocodile, and bars like Shorty's (with a pinball arcade) and the speakeasy Bathtub Gin & Co.

Downtown

Known for: Housing the "retail core" and skyscraper office buildings, plus proximity to Pike Place Market.

Check out: The architectural gem of the Central Library, the Seattle Art Museum, the view from the Starbucks on the 40th floor of the Columbia Center, and, of course, Pike Place Market.

Waterfront

Known for: Tourists and seafood restaurants.

Check out: The Seattle Great Wheel, the family-friendly Seattle Aquarium, and the quirky Ye Olde Curiosity Shop.

Bainbridge Island

Known for: Easy day trips on the ferry for a taste of small-town, laid-back life.

Check out: James Beard Award finalist Hitchcock, the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, and the 150-acre Bloedel Reserve garden.

West Seattle

Known for: Its relaxed, beachy vibe and being hard to get to, except by riding the water taxi.

Check out: Alki Beach Park, the view from Hawaiian-Korean taco joint Marination Ma Kai, and in-store performances at Easy Street Records.



Wallingford/Green Lake/Phinney Ridge

Known for: Residential neighborhoods with cute shops and restaurants, and easy access to the outdoors.

Check out: Gas Works Park on Lake Union, the Archie McPhee joke shop in Wallingford, the trail around Green Lake Park, and the summer concert series at the Woodland Park Zoo.

University District

Known for: The sprawling, Gothic University of Washington campus, and vintage shops and cheap restaurants along University Way (known as “the Ave”).

Check out: The Henry Art Gallery and Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, the impressive University Book Store, and Cafe Racer and its Official Bad Art Museum of Art (OBAMA).

South Lake Union

Known for: Amazon’s headquarters, and waterfront bars and restaurants.

Check out: The plant-filled Amazon Spheres and the checkout-free Amazon Go store, the Museum of History & Industry, the street food-filled South Lake Union Saturday Market, and free Sunday public sailing trips from the Center for Wooden Boats.

Capitol Hill

Known for: Bars and music venues that come alive at night, rainbow-painted sidewalks and gay bars, and beautiful old mansions.

Check out: The cedar-shelved Elliott Bay Book Company, shows at Neumos, and walks in Volunteer Park.

Central District

Known for: Its history as the hub of the city’s African American community and close proximity to Lake Washington.

Check out: The Northwest African American Museum, Ethiopian restaurants like Meskel and Cafe Selam, and classic movies with table service at Central Cinema.

Pioneer Square

Known for: Being Seattle’s oldest neighborhood, plus brick buildings housing art galleries and restaurants.

Check out: The Underground Tour, the monthly First Thursday art walk, the Smith Tower observatory, and the Waterfall Garden Park and Occidental Park.

Chinatown-International District

Known for: Amazing Asian American cuisine and cultural institutions.

Check out: The Asian supermarket Uwajimaya, the Wing Luke Museum, and the drool-worthy Dough Zone Dumpling House.

Columbia City/Beacon Hill

Known for: Having wonderfully diverse communities with great food and music.

Check out: The James Beard Award semifinalist Columbia City Bakery, community coffee shop the Station, and shows at the Royal Room, Columbia City Theater, and Clock-Out Lounge.

Sodo/Georgetown

Known for: An industrial background, and Safeco Field (where the Mariners play) and CenturyLink Field (where the Sounders and the Seahawks play).

Check out: The Fantagraphics Bookstore & Gallery, the Hat ‘n’ Boots sculptures at Oxbow Park, the Living Computers Museum + Labs, and the factory where Obama’s favorite Fran’s Chocolates are made.



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Getting Around

You won't need to rent a car here, as public transportation is good and reliable.

Light rail: The light rail travels north from Angle Lake to the University of Washington, making 16 stops along the way, including the airport. You can buy a ticket in any station. Buy an ORCA card if you are here for a few days; it also covers your bus fare. For trip planning, go to soundtransit.org.

Bus: Seattle's extensive bus system is great for getting around the city. Go to metro.kingcounty.gov to check the schedules.

Cars and cabs: Ride-sharing companies are plentiful in Seattle, and you can call a cab or download the Yellow Cab app to your phone.

Ferry: Washington State ferries take you to the islands in Puget Sound. You can drive your car right onto the boat. Or

you can walk or bike on. Find more info at wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.

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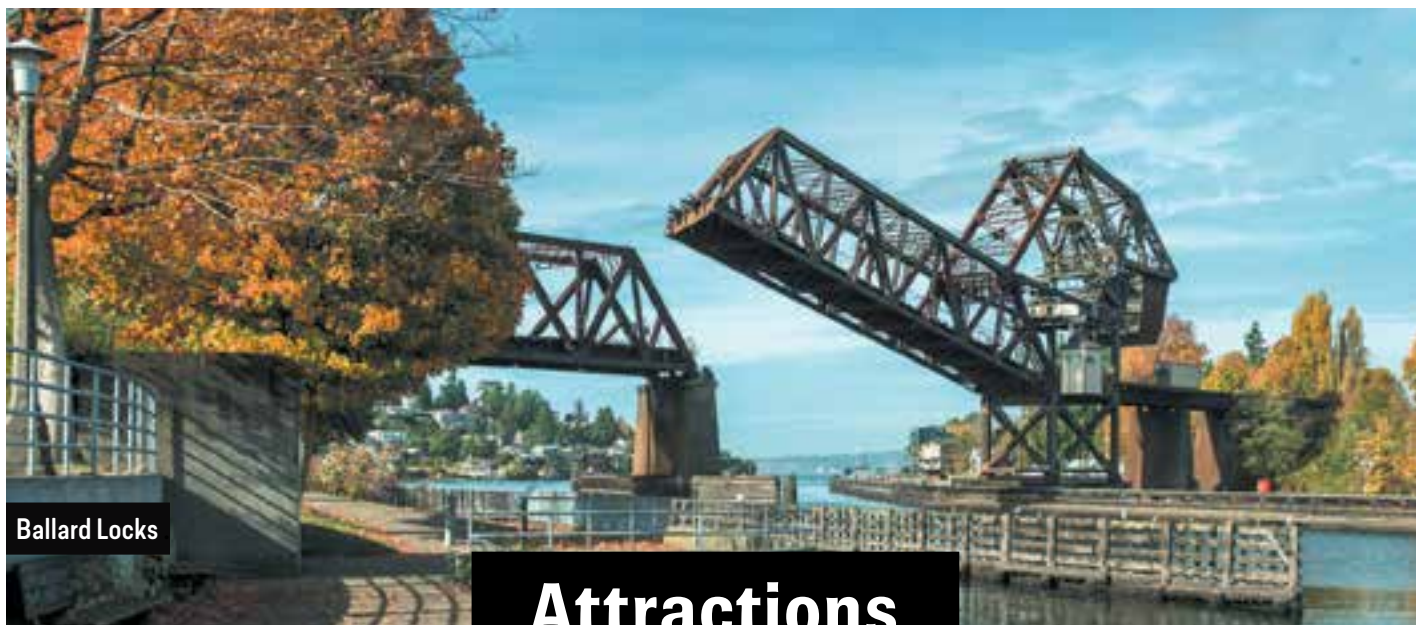
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Attractions

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Seattle's Most Noteworthy Marvels, Landmarks, and Diversions

BY SEAN NELSON

There's plenty to see in the Emerald City, but if it's your first, second, or even third time visiting and you haven't checked Pike Place Market off your list (or the Fremont Troll for that matter), we highly suggest you add both (and the rest of these essential Seattle tourist attractions) to your itinerary.

Underground Tour

PIONEER SQUARE

I've lived in Seattle for more than 20 years, and not until recently did I learn that Elliott Bay is deeper than the Space Needle is tall. That's because, like a fool, I waited more than two decades to take Bill Speidel's Underground Tour. Don't do as I did. Go and learn about how Seattle's original streets were once literal rivers of human waste, how a benevolent prosti-

tute created the public education system, and how a Swedish immigrant started the fire that burned it all down in 1889. This city, like so many other pre- and postindustrial American conurbations, was founded and framed by thieves and idiots. The tour was created in 1965 by an ambitious publicist who both understood and typified the maxim of the entrepreneurial huckster: If you've got a giant pile of garbage that you can't dispose of, put a sign on it that says "Private Property."

Space Needle

SEATTLE CENTER

I suggest you take the 43-second, 520-foot elevator ride to the top of the Space Needle, where you can hang out on the observation deck as long as you like. Go at sunset. If you have money to burn, you may want to eat in the *rotating* SkyCity Restaurant. The Needle is currently undergoing a big, fancy \$100 million renovation, but it's still very much open for business.

Pro tip: *If it's raining or foggy, it won't be worth it. Best thing to do in that case—go to spaceneedle.com/webcam, and click "best views" on the upper right corner.*

Smith Tower

DOWNTOWN

Less flashy and less expensive than the Space Needle, the observation deck on the 35th floor of the Smith Tower is still very much worth the price of entry. This was once the tallest structure west of the Mississippi River. Now it has a new speakeasy-type bar so you can enjoy a cocktail while taking in the view.

The Great Wheel

WATERFRONT

What beloved Seattle institution is round, white, and 175 feet tall? No, it's not the world's largest Percocet, it's our newest (2012) and most universally approved attraction, the Great Wheel. More like the London Eye than some rickety county fair Ferris wheel, TGW lends a sense of majesty and moment to the waterfront district, granting you an aerial view of the dense buildings rising above the soon-to-be-gone viaduct, the Olympic Mountains, and a glimpse of the *Twin Peaks*-like mystery of the islands across the water (extra mystery if it's foggy). The price (\$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$9 kids 3-11) may seem a little steep, but you get three full turns of

the wheel, about 15 minutes' worth of new perspective. It's worth it.

Ballard Locks

BALLARD

The fresh water in Lake Washington and Lake Union is about 20 feet higher than the salt water in Puget Sound. Boats use the locks to get lifted/lowered from one body of water to the other. More boats travel through these locks than any other locks in the United States, and a million people per year gather round to watch it happen. You can spend a few minutes here, or all day.

Pro tip: *Check out the fish ladder viewing area to watch shiny little salmon swimming for their lives.*

Fremont Troll

FREMONT

Pose for a selfie with the Fremont Troll. **Pro tip:** *Better hurry! Rumors of the Troll's imminent demolition have been circulating for years.*

Pike Place Market

DOWNTOWN

There is plenty to see here that doesn't involve people throwing fish—although to be fair, that is totally worth seeing. Fresh

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Pro tip: *At the bottom of the stairs, behind the market proper, there's a great little place called JarrBar.*

Seattle Spheres

DOWNTOWN

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to work at Amazon (spoiler: LONG hours) or to live in a biodome from a 1970s science-fiction movie (specifically *Silent Running*), you should go check out these architecturally magnificent, flora-filled orbs that now rest in the heart of downtown Seattle like gigantic toy marbles owned by the world's richest emperor. Inside tours are open to the public only two Saturdays per month, so you'll need a reservation, but the spheres are still mighty impressive when viewed from the outside, or in Understory, the exhibit on the ground floor.

Museum of Pop Culture

SEATTLE CENTER

Firstly, I kind of like the building. I get that I'm in a minority there, but those forceful curves, majestic proportions, and ludicrous colors are so odd and unlikely that they wind up being sort of delightful, especially next to that other people pleaser, the Space Needle. But the inside is what counts, and the inside is filled with interesting nerd matters about rock 'n' roll music (the only major art form that routinely denies being an art form), science fiction, games, and such like. In any other city, MoPOP (formerly the Experience Music Project, or EMP) would be a cherished weirdo sanctuary. In Seattle, it's a problem because it was started by Paul Allen, one of our three conspicuous local billionaires. Don't be deterred. If you like that sort of thing, you'll like it a lot.

Notable

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Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

I'm not sure why you'd want to, or really why we need this one, but you definitely can't find another gum wall like the one at Pike Place Market.

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

Ivar's Acres of Clams, Skillet Diner. My favorite place to drink is anywhere you can get some local beer or wine—thankfully, you've got some options.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

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Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

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Food

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The 10 Best Restaurants You Should Try

BY NAOMI TOMKY

Seattle's reputation for seafood is well-known, but it deserves equal renown for the Ethiopian restaurants, pho shops, and noodle joints that pepper the town. The pot-pourri of dishes, cuisines, and ingredients that makes up Seattle's best restaurants shows off the city's strength: improving just about anything with a little bit of Northwest vision. That might mean drinking Vietnamese soup with a shot of whiskey, digging into injera in an old craftsman, slurping soba noodles with spot prawns, or sprinting out of dinner to catch the last ferry—the city can't help but season its best restaurants with a unique Seattle flavor.

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Oysters, mussels, scallops, and more come straight from the sea to these stylish shellfish bars. Designed to provide diners with a first-rate seafood-eating experience, the cool marble surfaces greet great platters of freshly shucked bivalves on ice, seaweed-thin shavings of impeccable fish, and the kinds of wine, beer, and cocktails that complement a salty sea of flavors.

Though the mini-chain is relatively new, the shellfish all comes from the family company's fifth-generation farms just outside the city. The bars are as much galleries of the Northwest's natural bounty as they are places to grab a bite to eat, especially with dishes like the Salish Sampler, a shucker's dozen of raw oysters, geoduck, yellowtail, scallops, and prawns that takes diners

through the region's best and brightest seafood in its purist form.

Eden Hill

QUEEN ANNE

Absence makes the heart grow fonder, and that's what happened to chef Max Petty when he left the area and earned his chef chops in that other Washington. When he returned to Seattle, he built a restaurant that combined his cutting-edge culinary mind-set with the ingredients that flavored his childhood. Washington wild onions dress steak as part of a chimichurri, d'Anjou pears garnish his signature pig-head candy bar, and black-cod mousse graces a tartine.

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Altura

CAPITOL HILL

Though Seattle rarely rates for fine dining, Altura bucks the trend and brings a flight of fancy to the city's scene. Scooping up the most interesting fish, fowl, and forest-foraged goods, chef Nathan Lockwood transforms them into an Italian multi-course tasting menu bolstered with hints of luxury, like truffles and caviar.

From the open kitchen, the chef and his crew create savory cannoli, cedar- and madrone-grilled *frutti di mare*, and asparagus tortelloni flavored with runny La Tur cheese. The intimate setting brings diners close to their companions, and the excellently paired beverages—which range from cider, sake, and spirits to more traditional wines—bring them even closer.

JuneBaby

RAVENNA

What if the tale of the South were told with the voice of the Pacific Northwest? That's the story chef Edouardo Jordan tells with his cooking at Ravenna's JuneBaby (which just won a James Beard Award for Best New Restaurant). Raised in Florida, trained at New York's and Napa's finest French restaurants, and cooking from a kitchen right here in Seattle, he combines the flavors of his childhood with the skills of his adulthood, bringing diners on a journey from pimento cheese

with house-made saltine crackers to smoked carrots with collard greens, tahini sauce, and benne seeds.

Southern-fried comfort food like catfish and grits comes embellished with local fiddlehead ferns, and Jordan's oxtails come alongside king trumpet mushrooms and nettles. The only thing sweeter than the service is pastry chef Margaryta Karagodina's desserts: root-beer floats, sweet-potato pie, and hummingbird cake.

Meskel

CENTRAL DISTRICT

When Ethiopian refugees first arrived in Seattle in the 1980s, they had to replicate the traditional teff-based bread with self-rising flour. Today, mini-marts around the city sell real injera made with teff, and a plethora of restaurants compete for the best vegetable platter in town. Few approach Meskel, which also wins for ambience. Carved out of the main floor of a classic Seattle craftsman house, the restaurant offers the homey feel of eating at an Ethiopian friend's home, complete with a grill on the outdoor patio.

While upstairs, diners sip coffee and dig into kitfo (Ethiopian steak tartare), the basement bar serves the same menu with a projector television nearly always programmed to soccer. Order a whiskey or a Harar beer and make yourself at (a different sort of) home.

Pho Bac Súp Shop

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

In 1982, Quynh, Khoa, and Yenvy Pham's parents opened Seattle's first pho shop. Today, you can hardly go a few blocks in Seattle without seeing pho, and the now-adult children have pioneered their

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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

No visit to Seattle is complete without a boat ride of some sort, and what better reason to hop a ferry than dinner at Hitchcock? A short walk up the hill from the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal, Brendan McGill’s culinary ode to the island shucks oysters, smokes salmon, and serves a whole menu of specialties sourced from the great nearby. The eminently affordable tasting menus provide a refreshing and full look at the island, from stinging-nettle soubise on steak to citrus fumet with mussels, alongside à la carte options. And the friendly servers keep an eye on the ferry schedule to make sure everyone gets home on time.

Revel

SOUTH LAKE UNION

The brainchild of French-trained Korean American chef Rachel Yang, Revel brings big ideas and flavors to small plates, pancakes, and rice bowls. Temporarily relocated from its original Fremont home, the restaurant is winning over South Lake Union with its corned lamb salad, pork belly and kimchi pancakes, and short rib rice bowls.

Few of the dishes from the lunch and dinner menu even call for the quartet of house-made hot sauces that grace each table, given the boisterous flavors that come from touches like chipotle apple pickle on the char siu pork dump-

own business: a bigger, better pho shop right behind their parents’ original one, with the neighborhood’s first cocktail bar. Modern and trendy, with an epically Instagrammable sign declaring this the “Pho-cific Northwest,” the shop sells bowls of pho with Flinstone-esque short ribs sticking out, “unfortunate” cookie mix, and a shot of whiskey washed down with pho broth. But at its root, it isn’t all that different from the original Pho Bac next door—serving really good pho to a city that loves the Vietnamese noodle soup.

Kamonegi

FREMONT

In a restaurant so small that the noodles, made fresh each day, have to be rolled out in a closet, Mutsuko Soma creates magic in the form of soba noodles and tempura. She didn’t set out to be a soba noodle making master, but when she discovered that the buckwheat used to make her beloved grandmother’s dish was mostly grown in her adopted home state of Washington, she leaned in to fate and headed to soba school. Now she marries the old-school noodle making technique with local ingredients, and uses her own wildly creative culinary mind to produce dishes like sake poached shrimp on foie gras tofu and curry mozzarella soba bowls.



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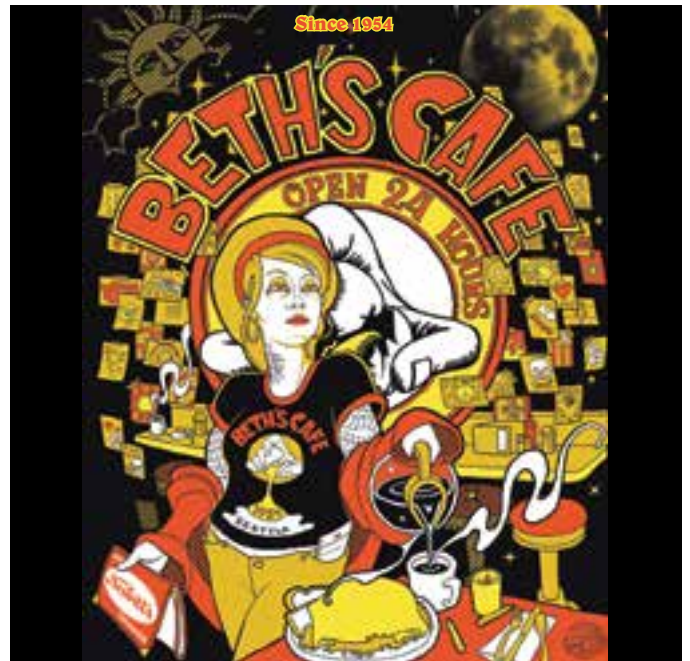
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ling, and spicy red chimichurri on the grilled trout. In between meals, the happy hour menu features a few more casual—but no less flavorful—options, including spicy Korean ramyun and a kalbi burger.

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Pasta master Mike Easton's brilliant daily noodle specialties keep the crowds lined up, necks craning to see what three items make up the menu that day. The pappardelle alla Bolognese rarely comes off the menu, and regulars know that Friday will bring a baked pasta, but in between is anyone's guess: torchiette with aspar-

agus, lemon, and walnuts in a cream sauce scream of spring; campanelle—little bells—ring in summer with sweet corn, basil, butter and a hint of chili peppers; cozy cavatelli with Calabrian chilies, clams, and chorizo comfort in winter; and black spaghetti celebrates fall with heirloom pumpkin sauce and fennel-toasted pumpkin seeds.

With each day comes a new menu, but fans of the Pioneer Square sliver of a spot know the routine: weekday lunch only, come early for the best choices and shortest line, and order before you sit down. Other than that, there's no way to go wrong—whatever you order, you're about to get the best pasta \$10 can buy.

Notable

Local



SUZU PRATT

Rachel Yang

CHEF

Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

Cool neighborhoods! First thing that any Seattleite would ask anyone is what neighborhoods they are planning to hang out in. Each neighborhood is so different and it instantly tells all about you. :)

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

To eat—Trove Noodle; to drink—Foreign National; to play—Green Lake.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

Especially with this nice weather and bikes to rent everywhere, the Burke-Gilman Trail.

Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

South Lake Union on weekends! During the week, it might seem daunting with so many people and cars, but weekends are the perfect time to explore the cool retail and awesome restaurants! Also, you might get lucky scoring last-minute Saturday night reservations at restaurants in this neighborhood, it's way easier than other areas.

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Coffee

The Best Shops to Drink a Cup

BY RACHEL KESSLER

Zeitgeist



ELIZABETH CROOK

Coffee shops in Seattle function as social clubs, community forums, shared office space, and study centers. Even the most utilitarian place offers mind-boggling overheard conversation and fascinating people-watching. In my opinion, Starbucks's coffee tastes burned and people look dumb walking around drinking coffee out of giant paper cups like they're constantly at a high-school kegger. Espresso is best sipped scalding hot from a ceramic cup without a

weird plastic sippy-cup lid filtering it through a petroleum product. Try it.

That said, if you're going to go to a Starbucks, there is one I recommend. It's not the very first Starbucks (in Pike Place Market) or the Starbucks Reserve Roastery & Tasting Room, but a Starbucks in the Central District (read on to find out why).

I also recommend leaving earbuds out. Ask your barista about her cafe's specialties. Check out the art on the walls or scan the bulletin board

for open mics and shows. Some of the city's best up-and-coming music and literature happen in these places. Share a table with a stranger. It might be an awe-inspiring art legend, like the time I sat down next to the great Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson in a coffee shop without realizing it. Bring a book or sketch pad and hang out for a while.

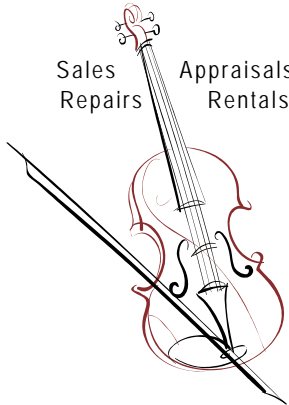
Capitol Hill

Anyone who's really into coffee should order the Cafe Nico (a macchiato made with half-and-half, orange twist, and cinnamon) at **Vivace's** sidewalk bar, where latte art was invented. Want to eat a crepe at a beautiful old stone

building at a teeny table under trees like you're in France? **Joe Bar**, a few blocks north on Broadway, is a jewel: resplendent people-watching, brilliant local art, and screenplay-inspiring eavesdropping. Father east, up the hill, **Victrola Coffee** on 15th Avenue is a favorite for locals: ample seating and tables, a row of chairs outside for morning sun worship, and kind baristas who enthusiastically discuss the coffee they roast at their Pine Street location. Also: Mystic Kombucha and ginger beer on tap. Just a few steps away from Victrola is **Ada's Technical Books and Cafe**, which is Seattle's *Cheers* for proudly self-identifying geeks. Settle in among the carefully curated selection of books and games to snack on house-made treats and wholesome salads. Another bookstore cafe I recommend, if you're closer to Broadway: **Little Oddfellows** in the back of Elliott Bay Book Company, where you can sit and write your novel for hours and eat a baguette sandwich. For Seattle's best cold brew on tap, visit the legendary **Caffe Vita** right around the corner on Pike Street.

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Downtown/Pioneer Square

For a taste of old Seattle, visit **Bedlam**. This place harks back to the Belltown neighborhood's pre-boom era, when World Pizza had punk shows and before the Speakeasy Cafe burned down. This is the real deal—no foam hearts or a bunch of fluffing about sources. Just really good espresso—rich and complex. Comfy couches, plenty of tables, and an old upright piano give this place a living-room feel. Not a hipster in sight. They make toast and pie. It's on the north end of downtown. If you're on the south end of downtown, go to **Zeitgeist**, a big, open, industrial-chic space with exposed brick right around the corner from King Street Station, where Amtrak trains arrive and depart. Want to feel a little sexy?

Put on your shiny Italian shoes and park yourself and your battered translation of Rimbaud at one of **Caffe Umbria's** or **Cherry Street Public House's** outdoor tables along Pioneer Square's brick pedestrian-only plazas off Occidental Square.

Central District

A neighborhood favorite that serves great espresso (three to four selected coffee roasters) pulled without pretense, **Tougo Coffee** encourages lingering at shared tables, with plenty of power outlets and strong wi-fi. If you have toddlers in tow, there is a sunken disco/toy room where kids cavort under the mirror ball. But it's in the back, like a bar for children, so they can't bother the rest of us with their

partying. Truly family friendly but chill, not awash in boogers and screaming.

If you find yourself in Mount Baker, stop by **QED Coffee** and get high off their 14-hour cold brew or house-made spicy chai. If all this coffee fetishization makes you want to just watch some serious chess, check out **Starbucks** on 23rd and Jackson. This is the most happening Starbucks, maybe in the world: There are hilarious and friendly baristas who are always swamped, swarms of middle schoolers, people arguing about politics in many languages, and parking-lot shenanigans.

Beacon Hill

The Station is the soul of Beacon Hill. Everyone knows each other, and if they don't, they will soon. Good and strong



JENNIFER OLIVOS

Fulcrum coffee is served with that rare magical unicorn: cheap refills! Cozy and dog friendly, they offer a food menu as well as the Station's classic drinks like

the D'Angelo (brown sugar latte), Coco Chanel (chai and coconut), and Bowl of Soul (Earl Grey, honey, vanilla, steamed milk), all at lower prices than most cafes. Affable owner Luis Rodriguez and his spouse, Leona, put on a real block party every summer, support the local hiphop scene, and host poetry readings.

Columbia City

While not officially a coffeehouse, **Columbia City Bakery** serves excellent Herkimer coffee. Try the savorypretzel roll or the brilliant pistachio-frangipane-filled snail.

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Fremont/Ballard

Fremont boasts it is the center of the universe. This is very apparent in joints like **Milstead & Co.**, where pilgrims come to double down on coffee wankery, near the famous Fremont Troll. If you're in Ballard and need to rent a table workstation for the price of a cup of coffee, **Cupcake Royale and Verite Coffee** is there for you.

U-District/Roosevelt/Wallingford

In the University District, wander down the alley behind Magus Books for some caffeine and theory at **Cafe**

Allegro, Seattle's oldest coffee shop. Tables and philosophy majors abound. Over on Roosevelt Way, and 15 blocks north, funky **Cafe Racer** is open late with live music some nights and monthly *Dune* comic-drawing jam sessions. If you find yourself out in Wallingford, you could do worse than **Zoka**: This Seattle chain is always crowded, but regulars know the drill. Super friendly baristas and patrons will even help get you settled in the dimly lit laptop scene. No one will bat an eye if you order a micro-foamed lavender mocha or a two-buck cup of decent drip.

Notable

Local



COURTESY OF JENNIFER ROTH

Jennifer Roth

FILMMAKER

Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

Other than that particular mix of Scandinavian and Japanese passive-aggressivity? *The Future Is 0*—if you're lucky enough to be in Seattle when they have a performance. And Scarecrow Video—though I don't know why a visitor would need a video store other than to show their children the old-timey way we used to view content (by talking to super knowledgeable staff about movies instead of looking up reviews written by Korean robots).

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

Northwest Film Forum and Grand Illusion Cinema.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

The collection at Collections Cafe at Chihuly Garden and Glass. Not that there is anything wrong with the museum next door, but the cool stuff in the restaurant is not to be missed. (I've never actually eaten there, but I hear the food is good.)

Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

If you are on a busy street corner at a red light in downtown Seattle and there is no traffic, no one will jaywalk. But if you jaywalk, they will all follow you.



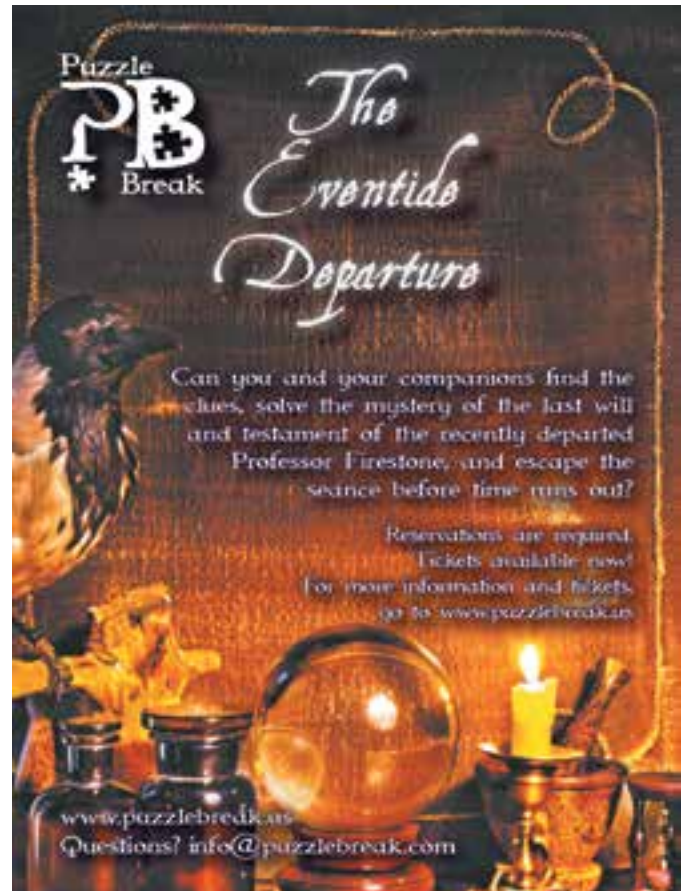
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Sweets

The Best Places to Eat Sugary Treats

BY STRANGER STAFF

If you've got a sweet tooth, Seattle is the place to satisfy it, as evidenced by all the local franchises peddling doughnuts, cupcakes, ice cream, and other sugary treats around town, not to mention numerous stand-alone joints. We've put together a list of some favorites, from local staples to hidden gems to nationally recognized treasures.

Amandine Bakeshop

CAPITOL HILL

Everything is on point at Sara Naftaly's gem of a bakery in Chophouse Row, which showcases Parisian-style baked goods with thoughtful seasonal flavors. Come for macarons in enchanting variations like juniper lemon, rhubarb and chocolate, and guava cajeta, and glossy croissants burnished a deep copper that leave a confetti-like trail of flakes down the front of your shirt, just like a good croissant should. If drippy yolks are your thing, the savory Danish (farmstead cheese and a runny golden egg framed by a rectangle of flaky pastry) is not to be missed. **JULIANNE BELL**

Bakery Nouveau

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

There's a reason Bakery Nouveau has gained a cult-like following and numerous awards over the years. Some say it's the perfect twice-baked almond and chocolate almond croissants, while others swear by the Parisian style macarons, generously filled with creamy ganache, velvety buttercream, or decadent caramel. All will tell you that whatever you walk away with will be worth the wait. And they've got virtually everything you could hope for to satisfy your sweet tooth—from bread pudding and carrot cake to rich brownies and lemon or raspberry tarts. **KARA TIERNAN**

Cafe O'Dessert

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

I have a Japanese time-traveling robot cat to thank for this discovery: A drawing of Doraemon devouring a bowl of shaved ice on the cafe's signature whiteboard was what initially drew me into the cozy place. Their Hong Kong-style shaved ice desserts are mouth-meltingly soft and fluffy. Try the black sesame and milk shaved ice with condensed milk, mochi balls, and guilinggao (Chinese herbal jelly)—it's a personal favorite. **SOPHIA STEPHENS**

The Confectionery

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

This long-standing candy shop is also the oldest store in University Village, and it has operated there for 45 years. As such, this place retains the nostalgia and old-timey feel of a neighborhood candy shop with a selection of gummies, sours, licorice, taffy, nostalgic candy, chocolates, and truffles guaranteed to sate any type of sweet tooth. **JEN SWANSON**

Coyle's Bakeshop

GREENWOOD

Pastry chef Rachael Coyle's bakery began its life as a pop-up bake sale in the Book Larder (the best little cookbook shop you'll ever set foot in), where her creations would be snatched up before you could say "cretzel" (that's her winning croissant-pretzel hybrid). Happily, she now has her own brightly



Fran's
Chocolates

COURTESY OF FRAN'S CHOCOLATES

lit, quaint, chandeliered space, where you can get perfect butter croissants, muscovado sugar and cinnamon meringues, and the best millionaire's shortbread all the time. **JB**

Cupcake Royale

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

A cupcake institution since 2003, you can now find six locations around Seattle, all serving giant, made-from-scratch cupcakes, including those that are regularly available (like tiramisu, lemon drop, lavender, chocolate, and vanilla with a variety of frosting flavors—salted caramel is dreamy), and limited seasonal offerings (carrot walnut is available through May). Cupcake Royale also serves its own hand-churned ice cream, like the red velvet cupcake ice cream. There are gluten-free and vegan options, too, and they taste closer to the real thing than you might imagine. **LEILANI POLK**

Fran's Chocolates

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The melt-in-your-mouth smoked-salt caramels that Fran's is known for are every bit as delicious as Barack

Obama has claimed. The family-owned confectionery is nationally recognized (Fran's has been featured on the Food Network several times) and is named for the woman who's owned and operated it since 1982, Fran Bigelow (she'll be inducted into the Specialty Food Association's Hall of Fame this June). While you can order whatever your heart desires online, we suggest picking up your caramels, truffles, gold bars, or chocolate-covered fruits and nuts at any one of the four boutique shops. **LP**

Fuji Bakery

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Styling themselves as a Japanese French pastry shop, Fuji Bakery is like half dessert shop and half jewelry boutique, so gorgeous are their dainty treasures, which are made with special European butter and their own yeast. Offerings change frequently, but you can depend on Fuji's perfect croissants, either in buttery classic mode or various flavors (mango, almond, strawberry, etc.), along with its ruby red Danish, a square of puff pastry filled with pastry cream and crowned with a few gems of red grapefruit. The clafoutis (custard

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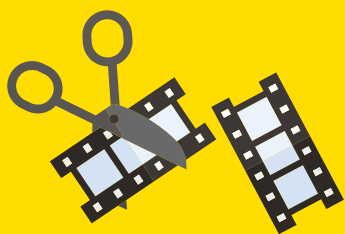
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cake with raspberries or blueberries baked in) is spot-on, très Français, they have a multitude of pleasantly sweet/bitter green-tea-flavored offerings (panna cotta, Danish, and uji, described as “matcha opera cake”), and the abstract expressionist-inspired Zen (a thick cylinder of green-tea mousse filled with hojicha tea cream, topped with chocolate flakes, and served on a sesame cookie). **MEG VAN HUYGEN**

General Porpoise

CAPITOL HILL

I'm not sure what manner of witchcraft James Beard Award-winning chef Renee Erickson employs to make doughnuts like this, but whatever it is, it's earned General Porpoise a spot on Thrillist's list of the best doughnuts in America. The dough is magically puffy, pillowy, and yeasty, with just enough toothsome chew to hold its own against luscious cream fillings and a light dusting of crunchy sugar. The lemon-curd flavor is loud, tart, and bracing, a welcome shout of lemon sunshine, and there's always a few rotating seasonal flavors, from rhubarb to rose cream to date shake. Like all Erickson ventures, it's warm, charming, generous, and very Seattle. **JB**



ANNIE PARK

Larsen's Danish Bakery

BALLARD

This stalwart Danish-style bakery has been around as long as anyone can remember, and it is best known for its tin-can butter cookies, holiday kringle (sort of a giant puff-pastry pretzel with various fillings), and elaborate kransekake (“wreath cake,” made of stacked concentric cake circles, often bedecked with little Norwegian flags for Ballard's Syttende Mai Parade). But Larsen's is also a stoner's utopia. You can get a box of 15 day-old doughnuts for \$6—well, usually more than the dozen you're supposed to get, anyhow. Other rad munchies include the macarons, especially the Earl Grey and peach, and the cardamom braid. **MVH**

Molly Moon's

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The only thing better than walking by any of Molly Moon's eight locations and filling your lungs with the aroma of griddle-baked waffle cones is actually ducking in and ordering one filled with the ice cream flavor of your choice. Whether it's one of the 10 that are always on the menu (Stumptown coffee, melted chocolate, maple walnut, and salted caramel among them), or one of their seasonal offerings (right now, it's sasquatch, original RGB sorbet, vegan coconut chunk, or birthday cake), you pretty much can't go wrong. **LP**

Nutty Squirrel Gelato

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Seattle reps gelato well, but Nutty Squirrel stands out for its extremely high quality (made with local Smith Brothers dairy products), all-natural protocol—their pistachio gelato is light brown, not neon green—and weird-ass flavors.

There are more than 200 flavors, they change regularly, and new ones are added all the time. As well as the traditional stracciatella and espres-

so, they've done avocado, Market Spice tea, red currant, DiSaronno, lemon Grisbi (an Italian cookie), activated charcoal and coconut (made from charred coconut shells!), stout, raspberry beet, and olive oil. There's a good selection of nondairy sorbettoes, too; the orange version is just oranges, water, and sugar, and somehow it's as creamy and lush as any of the gelatos. **MVH**

Pie

FREMONT

No Seattle visit would be complete without a stop to see the Fremont Troll, and while you're in the neighborhood, be sure to drop by Pie to grab a sweet or savory treat. The tantalizing aroma draws hordes of locals and passersby alike to dine on mini pies with flaky, buttery crusts and an assortment of fillings

like apple, strawberry rhubarb, or cranberry apple raspberry (savory options include broccoli cheddar or English meat). Seating is limited, so I'd suggest grabbing a few to go or enjoying them on the patio seats out front. **KT**

R&M Dessert Bar

CAPITOL HILL

To sate a late-night yen for sugar and booze, look no further than R&M, a one-stop sweet shop where you can order a slice of something sweet and a glass of something sparkly to sip with it. The sleek bar is a labor of love for couple Rod Gambassi and Marc Adams (the eponymous "R" and "M"), the chefs and owners. Popular dishes include the chocolate truffle cake, a cross between a molten lava cake and a soufflé, and the key-lime tartlet, a tangy custard filling encased in buttery pastry crust. It's open until midnight on weekdays and until 2

a.m. on the weekends to accommodate urgent cravings. **JB**

Side Hustle Coffee & Donuts

GEORGETOWN

Everyone needs a side hustle, and you can thank the sugar gods Molly Crane started hers in the form of a doughnut pop-up that opens every weekend at Lowercase Brewing in Georgetown. In a city full of tasty doughnut shops, this is the one tourists channeling their inner Rick Steves will write home about. Fluffy, pillowy mini-sized doughnuts are served by the dozen or half dozen in egg cartons with flavors like iced dark chocolate with rainbow sprinkles or vanilla buttercream with raspberry-lemon cream or chocolate cream filling. Enjoy them with a mason jar of small-batch cold brew coffee (or try the horchata latte!) before heading out on a city tour. **KT**

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HAYLEY YOUNG

Megan Griffiths

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Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

The tranquility of the landscape that surrounds the city.

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

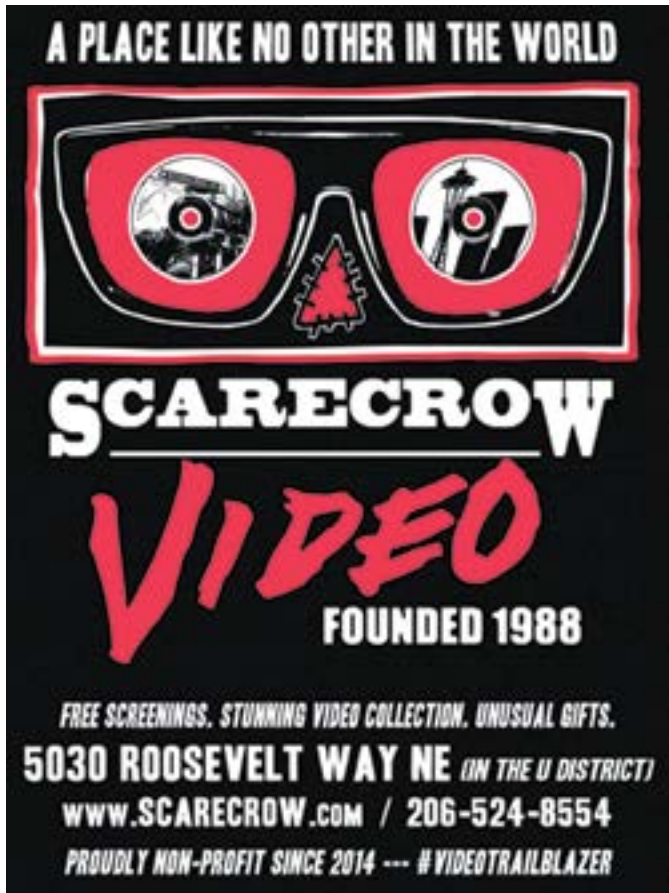
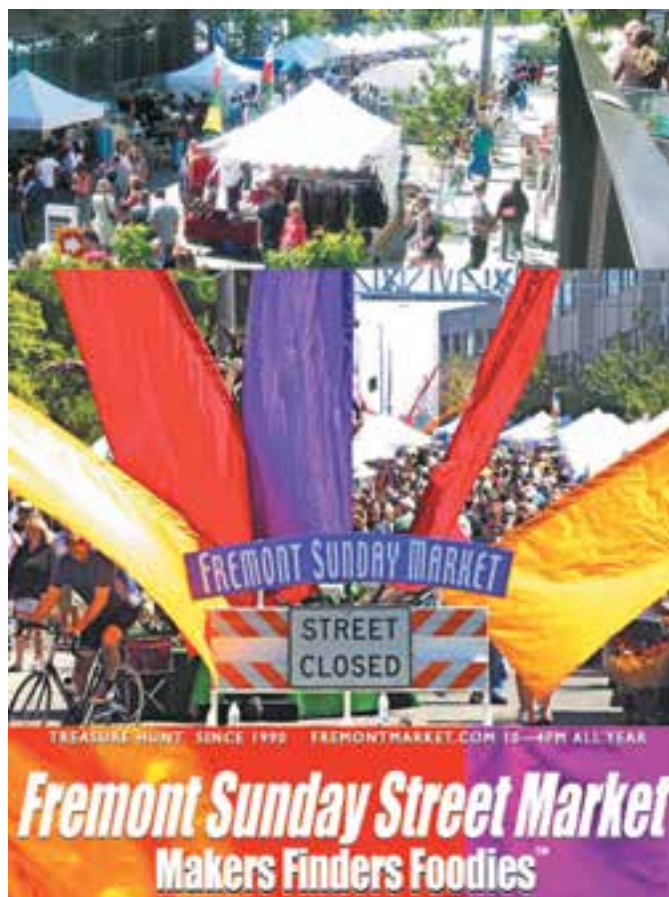
I'm a vegetarian, so my favorite places are those that have delicious vegetarian options: No Bones and Un Bien in Ballard, Wayward Vegan in Ravenna, and the Green Decadence Roll at Wasabi Sushi in Belltown.

What's one thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

Scarecrow Video, a Seattle treasure and a mecca for film lovers everywhere.

Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

Lincoln Park in West Seattle has hiking paths through tall trees and along the water, both of which feature spectacular views of Puget Sound.





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Food & Drink

10 Iconic Local Specialties

BY JULIANNE BELL

Dick's Drive-In

CAPITOL HILL, LOWER QUEEN ANNE, WALLINGFORD

With a moniker that inspires countless titters in middle schoolers and has been name-checked by Sir Mix-A-Lot in "Posse on Broadway," the old-school Seattle fixture might not make the best burgers you've ever had, but that hardly matters to the scores of fans drawn like moths to a flame by the nostalgic glow of its orange neon sign. Get the Dick's Deluxe (a special-sauce-laden piece of heaven), their perfect peppermint stick hot fudge sundae, and/or a hand-dipped chocolate shake for dunking their salty, squishy fries.



JONATHAN AUSTIN DANIELS

Beecher's Handmade Cheese

PIKE PLACE MARKET

You may have seen Beecher's Flagship cheese in stores around the country, or perhaps you've been to their cafe in New York City, but Kurt Beecher Dammeier's storefront in Pike Place Market is where it all started. The main attraction at the famous fromagerie is peering in the windows and gawking at the cheese-making process in real time, but they also make superlative grilled cheese sandwiches and mac and cheese. Also of note are their curds, habit-forming nuggets of cheese made as a byproduct from their Flagship cheese.

Ellenos Yogurt

PIKE PLACE MARKET

You know all those terrible yogurt commercials where women are really, really blissed out of their gourds about cultured dairy products? Ellenos Yogurt makes Greek yogurt that's so good, it *actually* makes you feel that way. Creamy, dreamy, dessert-like, and thick enough to hold a spoon, it's guaranteed to be unlike any other yogurt you've ever tasted before.



Geoduck

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Pronounced "goeey duck," this long, oversized saltwater clam that's native to the Pacific Northwest has got to be one of the weirdest-looking things you can eat. If you can get past the undeniably phallic appearance, you'll be rewarded with a clean, sweet flavor and crunchy texture. You'll find them on the menu in various preparations at restaurants including Shiro's Sushi, Sushi Kashiba, and Taylor Shellfish locations.

Dahlia Lounge's Triple Coconut Cream Pie

BELLTOWN

Local restaurant mogul Tom Douglas's world-famous triple coconut cream pie, a fluffy coconut whipped-cream confection topped with fat chips of toasted coconut and shards of white chocolate in a coconut-spiked crust, is so coveted that it sometimes commands hundreds of dollars at charity auctions. Luckily for you, you can claim it for yourself at a much more modest sum at Douglas's Dahlia Lounge.

Rachel's Ginger Beer

PIKE PLACE MARKET, UNIVERSITY DISTRICT, CAPITOL HILL

Rachel Marshall started selling her fizzy, spicy-sweet ginger beer at Seattle farmers markets in 2013, and the ever-popular eponymous elixir is now available in three locations across the city (plus one in Portland). Stop by to try it in a killer Moscow mule, or grab a picnic-ready growler in distinctive flavors like pink guava, cucumber tarragon, and caramelized pineapple.

Ivar's

WATERFRONT, WALLINGFORD

Ivar's is a local seafood chain known for its idiosyncratic founder (entrepreneur and folk singer Ivar Haglund) and its motto "Keep clam." Perch outside with some crispy-battered fish and chips or creamy clam chowder at their Pier 54 Fish Bar and amuse yourself by feeding french fries to errant seagulls (a practice endorsed by signs on the premises).

Seattle Dogs

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

There's something quasi-spiritual about the uniquely Northwest experience of ordering a hot dog from a street vendor at 2 a.m., toasty after a night of drinking

or giddy after a live show at Neumos. Slathered with cream cheese and piled with grilled caramelized onions, it's the apotheosis of late-night food. Look for Monster Dogs or Dante's Inferno Dogs and load up the condiments of your choosing (sriracha and jalapeños very much recommended).



COURTESY OF HOT CAKES

Hot Cakes

BALLARD, CAPITOL HILL

Pastry chef Autumn Martin first conceived the winning idea for take-and-bake molten chocolate cakes in mason jars as a side hustle when she was working as head chocolatier at Seattle's Theo Chocolate. It caught on immediately and started selling like, well, you know. Visit her immensely popular Ballard and Capitol Hill cakeries to plunge a spoon into the ooey-goey delicacy in house, perhaps alongside a boozy milkshake, or pick up a jar of ready-to-bake batter as a delicious souvenir.

Ezell's Famous Chicken

CENTRAL DISTRICT, COLUMBIA CITY, WALLINGFORD

This crispy fried chicken is famous for being a certified favorite of Oprah Winfrey, who's said to have the chicken flown to her in Chicago when cravings strike. If it's good enough for the billionaire philanthropist/mogul, then surely it's good enough for you.



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Parks & Beaches

The Best Places to Soak Up Some Sun

BY TRICIA ROMANO

You're here to visit the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, and the Fremont Troll. But one of the things you should *really* be doing is enjoying the sunshine and the outdoors. We have a lot of beautiful parks and beaches that are great for leisurely strolls, picnics, or low-level hikes, all within the city limits.

Alki Beach Park

WEST SEATTLE

Alki Beach is one of two truly beachy beaches in Seattle—it's a bit smaller than Golden Gardens in Ballard, but comes with a totally SoCal boardwalk. Bikers, skateboarders, rollerbladers, and walkers course up and down the crowd-

ed sidewalk along the beach. You can take a break and eat ice cream, burgers, pizza, or drink beer or margaritas by the water and people-watch. The sandy area is small, but there are a few fire pits that you can lay claim to if you want to barbecue, and a beautiful view of downtown Seattle and beyond. Worth the 25-minute trek to West Seattle, especially if you take the water taxi.

Discovery Park

MAGNOLIA

In this wonderful place, which was formerly a military base, you can see houses that were built for army officers as you walk through Fort Lawton, which gives parts of Discovery Park a *Little House on the Prairie* feel. Located in the neighborhood of Magnolia, a short car or bus ride from downtown, Discovery Park is the biggest of the city's parks. It has 534 acres, and you can make your hike as challenging as you'd like, with a steep trail through the woods that takes you to the beach below. If you get there, you should walk over to the West Point Lighthouse and sit on the rocky sand. (Cheaters can

drive right to the beach and park at the lower level parking lot.) Or you can walk the hilly fields that offer stunning views of Puget Sound. If you squint, it almost looks like you're in Ireland somewhere.

Golden Gardens

BALLARD

Golden Gardens is a true beachy beach with the golden sand of its name. You'll see boats swirling around on Puget Sound, people playing volleyball and sitting around fire pits. There might be a drum circle or two, for which we apologize in advance. The west-facing location of Golden Gardens makes for stunning views of summer sunsets and the Olympic Mountains. If you want to get a spot to barbecue, you should show up early and stake a claim.

Green Lake Park

GREEN LAKE

Designed by John Olmsted in 1903, Green Lake Park is one of the most visited parks in Seattle. Located about five miles from downtown (take the E-line bus if you are feeling adventur-

ous), Green Lake has a European feel to it. The lake has a generous path that easily accommodates wheels and pedestrians, and it is especially popular on weekends during the summer. There's a place to rent paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes, and ice cream and snacks are available from local businesses. But the main point of this is the leisurely stroll—about 2.8 miles around from beginning to end, which should take about an hour. If you can, try to go during a weekday when it's less crowded.

Madison Park Beach

MADISON PARK

People in Seattle call city parks like Madison Park "beaches," in part because it's a space next to water where the public goes swimming, and in part because there's a tiny strip of sand. But it's really a park—a green patch of land next to the water. If you want to see where the young, hip locals hang out for a day in the sun, then go to this part of the Madison Park neighborhood and relax. Afterward, you can grab a bite and a drink at one of the many nearby restaurants.


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Volunteer Park

CAPITOL HILL

Volunteer Park is located on the tonier north side of Capitol Hill. The grounds are lush, and on the west-facing side, there's a famous sculpture, *Black Sun* by Isamu Noguchi (yes, the Sound-garden song is named after it), and, during sunset, the sun will line right up in the center of it. One of the lawns has a stage used for outdoor concerts and theatrical productions, and there's a small, sweet conservatory, where, for \$4, you can see a range of plants and flowers. A perfect place to picnic.

Washington Park Arboretum

MONTLAKE

Run by the University of Washington, the Arboretum is a beautiful 230-acre park right in the center of the city. Walk down the great open trail, Azalea Way, all the way to the end at Duck Bay. If you curve to your left, it'll take you to another trail with floating walkways and a marshy swampy area, with lily pads covering the water. Or traverse the higher hills and get a completely different, deeper woods experience. The park is free, but if you decide to visit the Japanese Garden (and you should), it costs \$6. During the summer months, it's open till 7 p.m.



Bob Ferguson

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF WASHINGTON

Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

Other cities have parks, but not like Seattle. From well-known parks—Discovery Park, Olympic Sculpture Park, Seward Park—to all our pocket parks. I got married in a pocket park.

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

Eat: Tamarind Tree is tucked away in the International District, a little difficult to find, but once you step inside, well worth the search.

Drink: When I'm home in North Seattle, I'm a regular at Cafe Javasti. When I'm downtown, I go to Cherry Street Coffee House and Pegasus Coffee.

Play: Husky Stadium. Nothing beats a Husky football game in the fall. As a kid, I used to sell newspapers out front to get in.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

Get out on the water—rent a kayak, hop on a ferry to Bainbridge Island. The options are almost endless.

Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

The Wing Luke Museum. Wing Luke was a former assistant attorney general, and I named my civil rights unit after him. The museum is currently hosting a Bruce Lee exhibit.



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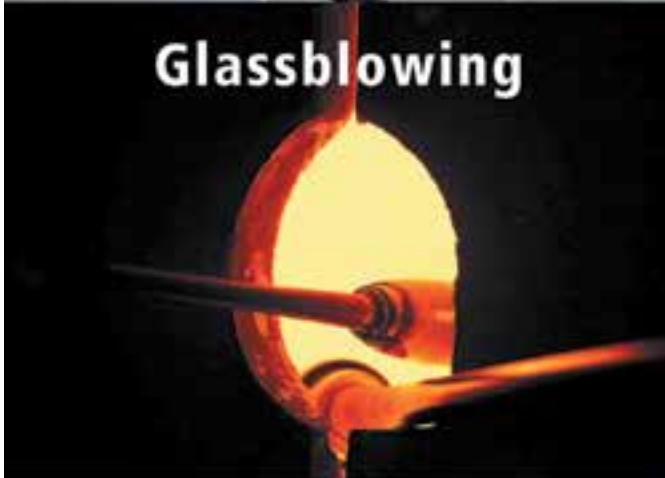
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The Best Galleries, Museums, and Art Spaces

BY EMILY POTHAST



MARK WOODS.

Seattle has a reputation for a lot of things—a growing tech scene, an abiding obsession with coffee, and of course a love of the outdoors that can weather even the rainiest of winters. But Seattle is also teeming with visual art, if you know where to look. From major institutions like Seattle Art Museum to pop-up galleries inside studio apartments, there's always something new to see—and somewhere new to see it. Here are a handful of the best places to see visual art right now so you can start exploring like a local.

Frye Art Museum

FIRST HILL

Founded in 1952 to house the painting collection of longtime Seattle residents Charles and Emma Frye, the Frye Art Museum has evolved into one of the city's most innovative venues, featuring exhibitions of cutting-edge contemporary art alongside historical surveys of early graphic design, obscure 19th-century symbolists, and other smart, unexpected shows you won't see anywhere else. The Frye also consistently champions the work of outstanding local artists—many Stranger Genius Award winners have exhibited at the museum. It's Seattle's only private museum of its kind, and it's always free, making it a great place to take families and out-of-town visitors who want a taste of local culture.

Pro tip: Although the Frye's special events tend to be free, they also run out of tickets quickly. Sign up for their mailing list to find out about upcoming events you don't want to miss.

Henry Art Gallery

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

Situated on the University of Washington campus, the Henry is

Seattle's designated contemporary art museum, with a mission to function as a laboratory for creative thinking and new ideas. The building itself is a piece of art history: The original galleries opened in 1927, making the Henry the oldest museum in Washington State. In 1997, the building was expanded to its current size, resulting in a fascinating architectural contrast that's always in dialogue with the art it houses. In 2003, the Henry became the permanent home to James Turrell's *Skyspace*, a wooden room for contemplation and reflection that opens onto the sky.

Pro tip: The Henry's Test Site—a small gallery near the front door—is home to bite-size experimental exhibitions that are always provocative, and it's free!

The Tashiro-Kaplan Building

PIONEER SQUARE

There are too many galleries in Pioneer Square to list, but many of them are concentrated in and around the Tashiro-Kaplan Building. The T-K is home to SOIL, Gallery 4Culture, CoCA, Party Hat, and more, as well as dozens of artist studios and even artist housing. Recently, it's also become a literary

hub with the addition of XYZ—the exciting new suite of galleries and independent publishers that encompasses Mount Analogue, Cold Cube Press, Gramma Poetry, and Specialist—as well as occult bookstore/gallery Mortlake & Company.

Pro tip: Visit Pioneer Square on First Thursdays for the city's largest art walk—which also happens to be the longest-running art walk in the United States!

Northwest African American Museum

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Seattle's Central District is ground zero for gentrification. In the 20th century, the CD became home to much of the city's African American population as a result of a racist housing policy known as redlining. Surging rents and sky-high property values are quickly changing the face of the neighborhood, but the Northwest African American Museum is an institution steadfastly devoted to preserving the region's rich black artistic heritage in the heart of the Central District. Housed in a gorgeous former elementary school and surrounded by public parks, NAAM is the Northwest's premier destination to see works by



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artists like Jacob Lawrence, James Washington Jr., Barbara Earl Thomas, and C. Davida Ingram.

Pro tip: *Make a day of it by dining at one of the neighborhood's many Ethiopian or Somali cafes after your visit.*

Hedreen Gallery

CAPITOL HILL

Visible from 12th Avenue via 90 feet of plate-glass windows, the Hedreen Gallery also functions as the entryway for Seattle University's Lee Center for the Arts. Its central location and thoughtful programming make it the perfect gathering place for conversations about the role of art in public life. Curator Molly Mac's plans for 2018 include implementing a High Resolution Moving Image Artist Residency Program, which creates opportunities for installation and video artists to engage with Seattle's vibrant and constantly evolving arts community.

Pro tip: *Visit during the Capitol Hill Art Walk on the Second Thursday of every month for opening receptions and parties all over the neighborhood.*



ROBERT WADE

Olympic Sculpture Park

BELLTOWN

It's hard to keep Seattleites inside on a sunny day, so fortunately there are places to see art outdoors. Before this nine-acre waterfront sculpture park was downtown Seattle's largest green space, it spent several decades as an industrial fuel-storage facility. Now fully rehabilitated into an ecosystem of native plants and sustainable design, Seattle Art Museum's Olympic Sculpture Park is currently home to more than 20 pieces of monumental sculpture, bike paths, and an amphitheater for outdoor events. Iconic works include

Eagle, the bright-red Alexander Calder sculpture visible in many photographs of Seattle's skyline, and Richard Serra's *Wake*, a towering array of curved steel forms created using a machine that once produced nuclear submarines. It's the perfect place for a family picnic, a first date, or even a wedding reception.

Pro tip: *Familiarize yourself with the layout online before heading in—there's lots to see and much of it is tucked away, like Beverly Pepper's quietly magnificent *Persephone Unbound*, which is so subtle, it could almost be mistaken for part of the architecture.*

Wing Luke Museum

CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

The Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience is more than an art museum, although you can often find art here. It's a living history museum filled with artifacts and objects that tell stories of Asian Pacific American experiences in Seattle, from the Chinese immigrants who began arriving in the 1850s to the diverse communities that thrive here today. The Wing is located in the heart of Seattle's International District, with historic neighborhood tours happening almost every day.

Pro tip: *The best Asian food in Seattle can be found in this neighborhood. Come hungry, leave inspired.*

The Hamilton Building

GEORGETOWN

Between Via Tribunali and Hitchcock Deli on 12th Avenue South in Georgetown lies a staircase. If it weren't for the signs on the sidewalk, it would be easy to miss the fact that three of the city's most innovative contemporary art spaces are located on the second floor. **Interstitial** is a new-media gallery that houses interactive video installations, virtual-reality experiences, and other forms of adventurous multimedia art, while **Bridge Productions** is a commercial gallery that represents a roster of artists and aims to make art accessible and affordable for new collectors. Finally, **the Alice** is an artist-run space whose exhibitions tend toward the experimental, often tackling economic or social-justice issues with a refreshing dose of down-to-earth humor. Together, these three spaces

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Seattle Art Museum

DOWNTOWN

No list of local art venues would be complete without a mention of the region's largest institution devoted to art in all its forms. Compared with older, wealthier museums, Seattle Art Museum might not have the most famous works from art history textbooks, but it has work by a whole lot of artists whose names you're likely to recognize, and many more

you'll be excited to learn. It also has whole rooms devoted to First Nations art, African art, the ancient Mediterranean, and a handful of contemporary aboriginal Australian paintings that are a must-see. A compelling program of temporary exhibitions and ongoing roster of community events—many of them kid-friendly—gives you reasons to keep coming back long after you've exhausted the permanent collection. (SAM's sister museum, the Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park, is closed for renovation through September 2019.) **Pro tip:** SAM's lobby, which currently houses a large-scale sculpture by Northwest luminary John Grade, is free and open to the public—and has free wi-fi. Perfect for the visitor on the go!

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KELLY O

Klara Glosova

VISUAL ARTIST

Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

Being totally surrounded by mountains and water. The view of Elliott Bay with constantly moving ferries and container ships, and the cranes that look like ancient dinosaurs.

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

I live on Beacon Hill, so I will plug some local places: The Oak, for the best burgers and drinks; Bar del Corso, for the best pizza and other delicious seasonal dishes; and Cafe Ibex, for the best Ethiopian food.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

Since all my friends and family are architects, I always take them to see Steven Holl's Chapel of St. Ignatius on the Seattle University campus and the downtown Central Library by Rem Koolhaas.

Something in Seattle most people don't know about?

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BY RICH SMITH



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Elliott Bay Book Company

CAPITOL HILL

Elliott Bay Book Company is Seattle's version of biblio-metropolises such as New York City's the Strand and Portland's Powell's. But instead of walking around a cold, cosmopolitan store, you get to walk around a warm, spacious, creaky tree house. The cafe is in the back and has plenty of outlets, plus good cake. Four comfy chairs sit in the center of the store, right next to the well-curated poetry section and the well-populated fiction section. The children's area is tops. The lower level hosts daily readings from big-time and medium-time and small-time authors. It's part marketplace, part cathedral, part kitchen, all home. Other beloved bookstores that host daily readings: **University Book Store**, **Third Place Books**, **Seattle Mystery Bookshop**.

Hugo House

FIRST HILL

To borrow a phrase from Dana Ward, Hugo House is one of the many-gendered

mothers of Seattle's books scene. It's a literary center that hosts innovative readings with touring and local authors, one-day classes, and six-week classes. As of this writing, Hugo House is occupying an interim space on First Hill until it returns to Capitol Hill sometime this summer, in much swankier digs.

Open Books

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Silent Reading Party

FIRST HILL

Invented by one of the editors at *The Stranger*, the reading party takes place every first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. That's when the Fireside Room at the Sorrento Hotel goes quiet and fills with people. By 6:15 p.m., you often can't get a seat. Everyone brings whatever they feel like reading and sits there and reads, silently, to themselves, while waiters bring them things and Paul Matthew

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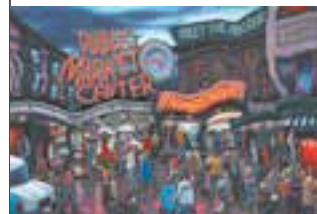
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Plus: Only a few blocks away is University Book Store, which, as mentioned, hosts readings all the time, and **Magus Books**, my favorite used book store in the city and a good place to find leather-bound tomes and weird maps.

Note: Seattle is one of the most literary cities in the country, with readings and talks every night of the year. To see who's reading soon, go to thestranger.com/events/readings.

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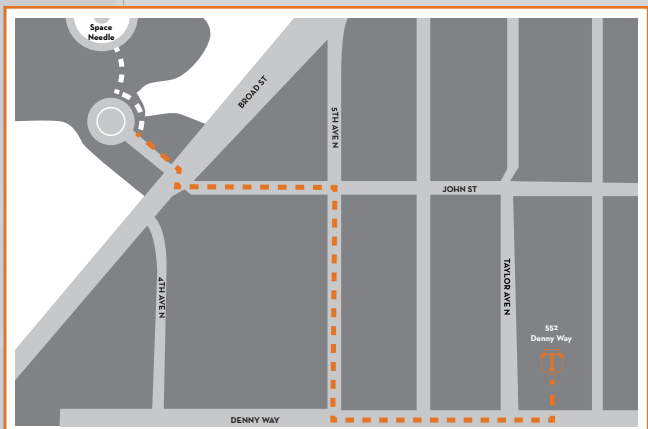


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Music

The Best Places for Live Music and Dancing

BY STRANGER STAFF

Seattle is renowned for its fruitful and incredibly diverse music scene, which has birthed the likes of Pearl Jam, Jimi Hendrix, Modest Mouse, Brandi Carlile, Macklemore, Odesza, Nirvana, Chastity Belt, and Fleet Foxes, among others. And not only is the scene here exciting and vibrant, but there's an abundance of venues in all shapes and sizes hosting concerts on the reg by both local and national talents, not to mention a range of bars that serve drinks and live music, and numerous clubs where you can dance the night away.

CONCERT VENUES

Chop Suey CAPITOL HILL

Following an ownership changeover, Chop Suey has gone from oddly-Asian-themed bar and secret live music powerhouse underdog to a still confusingly decorated music venue that now has a side bar and second stage in its "Den." It also has pinball machines, a mostly functioning (as opposed to previously never functioning) photo booth, and a kitchen window from which to buy chicken and other fried delights. What remains the same is its eclectic array of fairly priced live music, from hip-hop to metal to singer-songwriter types, almost every night of the week.

Clock-Out Lounge

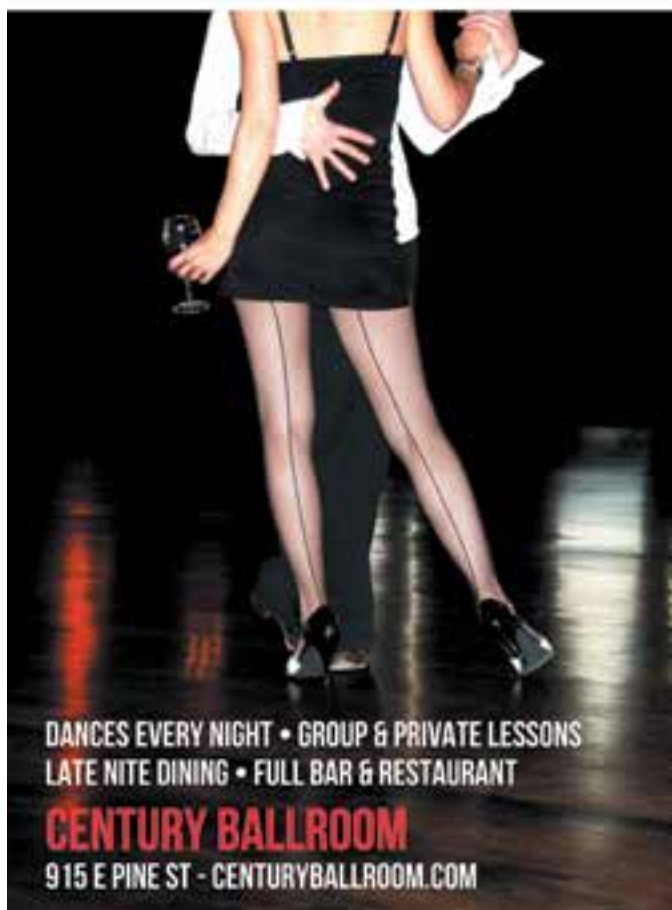
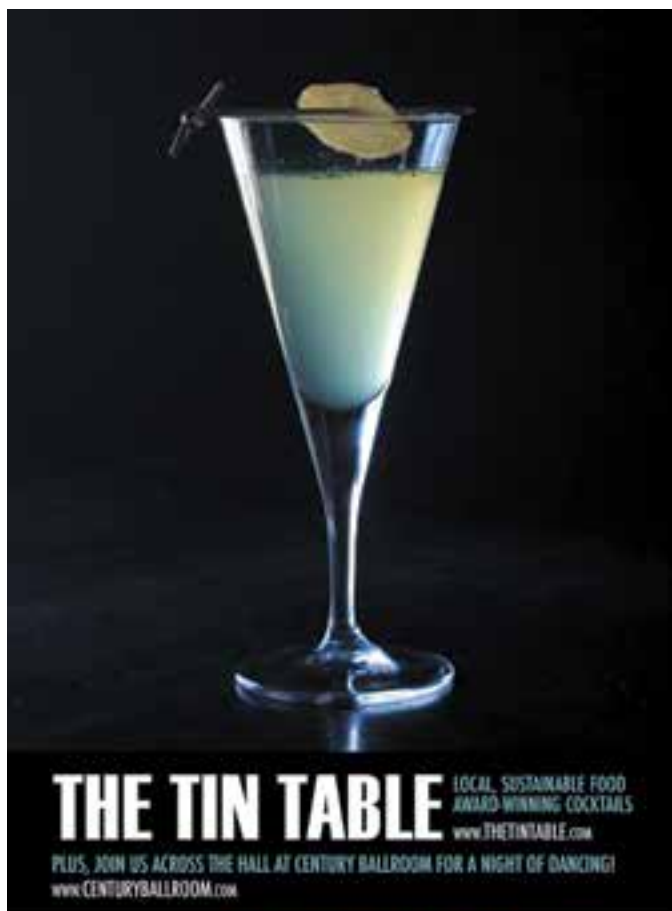
BEACON HILL

The Clock-Out Lounge is a bar-restaurant-club-venue hybrid designed to be a space for supporting the local music scene, particularly within the blue-collar neighborhoods of South Seattle. Their diverse lineup began with bizarre drag act Christeene for their opening, has showcased local bands including Kinski, and also includes weekly comedy and trivia nights.

Columbia City Theater

COLUMBIA CITY

This beautiful midsize theater located in the heart of Columbia City was originally a vaudeville theater—the oldest in Washington State, having opened in



ANDY PERKOVICH

1917—and is rumored to be one of the first venues to host the Seattle-born Jimi Hendrix. Since reopening in 2010, it has played host to burlesque shows, a variety of local musicians from all backgrounds, and other fun things most nights of the week.

Crocodile

BELLTOWN

One of Seattle's favorite music venues since the beginning of time (or at least grunge) got a swanky makeover back in 2009, with skylights, a proper mezzanine, dark red walls, and marble countertops in the bathrooms. Their impressive résumé of former gigs includes Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Macklemore, and their calendar runs the gamut from hiphop to metal and folk.

El Corazón and the Funhouse

EASTLAKE

Focused on hardcore, punk, screamo, and metal, El Corazón ("The Heart," a reference to the fact that the space has been a live music venue, bar, or club since 1910) has a show nearly every single night. The beloved punk dive Funhouse has also been resurrected (after losing its lease near the Space Needle in 2012) in a second room and features more "intimate" head-banging bills.

Highline

CAPITOL HILL

Highline is Seattle's preeminent spot to get vegan comfort food and tinnitus. It's the only place where you can consume soy fish tacos, drink cocktails named

after the world's heaviest rock groups, and hear some of the world's foremost death metal bands.

Highway 99 Blues Club

DOWNTOWN

The Highway 99 Blues Club, housed in a building built in 1909, offers music Wednesday through Saturday nights, Southern food, and drinks in an awesome juke-joint atmosphere.

Jazz Alley

DOWNTOWN

This famous joint dispenses dinner service, cocktails, and world-renowned jazz and fusion acts for all who wander there. Hot tip: It's also all ages, all the time (just not in the bar, sorry).

Nectar

FREMONT

Offering a strange brew of live music, Nectar was built in 2004 and tends toward reggae, hiphop, bluegrass, and EDM in a nicely airy space, including a patio and multiple levels indoors.

Neumos and Barboza

CAPITOL HILL

Neumos is one of the hubs around which Capitol Hill rotates. Its main show room is invariably packed to capacity as people dance or sway to the latest mega-hyped act to roll through town. Located in the Neumos basement, Barboza is a sweaty, intimate little shoebox-shaped room that hosts a wide range of up-and-coming local and touring talent. If you need a drink break from all the dancing, just walk down the

Neumos hall to the Runaway, their bar filled with 1970s classic decor markers and signature drink specials.

Re-bar

DOWNTOWN

Re-bar has something for everyone: booze, theater and arts performances, dancing, rock 'n' roll, drag queens, and a great, rare live-and-let-live atmosphere. If you're experiencing the "Seattle Freeze," head to this eminently friendly, welcoming, weirdo dive.

Rendezvous

BELLTOWN

Now more than 90 years old, the Rendezvous oozes character and history. Its decadent glamour is evident in its restored 1923 Jewelbox Theater, the Red Velvet Lounge, and its downstairs Grotto, thought to be the venue's original speakeasy. The entertainment

schedule includes comedy shows, weird music, and burlesque, all of which seems more momentous amid the Rendezvous's comfy confines and fading elegance.

The Royal Room

COLUMBIA CITY

A wood-bedecked space with great acoustics in Columbia City, the Royal Room made its name on jazz bookings (it is partially the brainchild of musician and composer Wayne Horvitz), but has since expanded into folk, world music, and multimedia events.

Showbox

DOWNTOWN

The Showbox is a great place to see a show, even when it's sold out. There's hardly a bad sight line in the house, it's got two bars, and the room has the classic charm of an old theater.



Notable

Local

Gifted Gab

MC

Favorite thing about Seattle that you can't find anywhere else?

The nature. Washington is such a beautiful place. Also, the local music scene is quite the untapped market. So many amazing artists of all different kinds of artistic backgrounds come from Seattle!

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

Favorite places are a tie between the Jerk Shack and Taste of the Caribbean. If you want good Jamaican food in Seattle, that's where you go. I don't drink, but I do smoke, and Ponder in the Central District is where I be at. When it comes to play, I just make music and go to live shows.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

A live show or smoking a nice blunt at one of the many view points.

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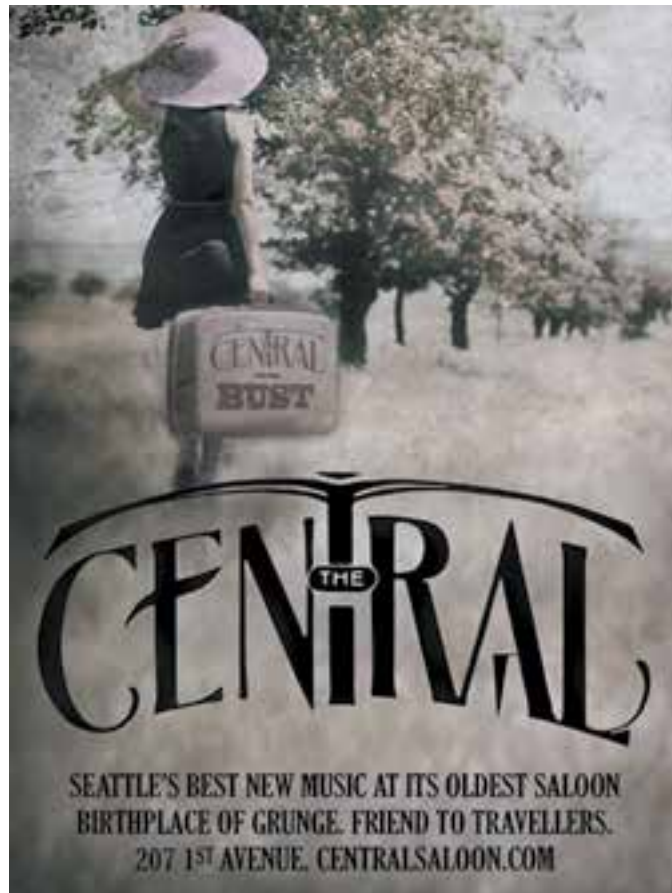
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Sunset Tavern and Tractor Tavern

BALLARD

Dropping in on a quality live music set is easy in central Ballard, with the Sunset and Tractor down the street from each other. The Sunset is a former Chinese restaurant that's now a fun, divey rock-and-roll bar with live music across all popular genres, a photo booth, and friendly bartenders. The Tractor holds court just two blocks away, with gritty saloon-esque decor, tallboys aplenty, and the best selection of live local and national rock, pop, alt-folk, and blues in town.

The Triple Door

DOWNTOWN

The Triple Door is the swankiest sit-down live music venue in Seattle—lush darkness and twinkling lights, an antique gold-framed stage with plush red curtains, and great semi-circular booths with table service from the Asian-fusion Wild Ginger restaurant. Upstairs, there's the Musicquarium Lounge, a soothing grotto of a room with a giant fish tank, a great happy hour, and free live music or DJs nightly.

BARS WITH LIVE MUSIC

Blue Moon

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

With us since 1934, the Blue Moon is dingy but well-loved, and pretty much everyone is welcome on its bar stools (Richard Hugo and Allen Ginsberg have

even been on them). It hosts a wide variety of local talent, from stand-up comedians to live music, almost every night of the week.

Slim's Last Chance Chili Shack & Watering Hole

GEORGETOWN

Slim's has a great country-time road-house vibe. In the summertime, bands play on the bed of an old Ford F-600 in the big backyard while happy people lounge at picnic tables. Regardless of season, though, Americana, punk, and rock groups play the Slim's stage all week long year-round.

Vito's

FIRST HILL

Vito's reopened in the fall of 2010 and returned to its old-school 1950s Italiano-style glory, with dark red vinyl booths, a central bar, a grand piano, and lounge-act entertainers including some great jazz (and never a cover charge). Where mobsters and mayors and priests (and doctors getting smashed and gangstas shooting guns) once convened, a cocktail and a plate of pasta wait for you. The ace bar staff, looking dapper, mix a perfect martini.

DANCE CLUBS

Aston Manor

DOWNTOWN

Inspired by the fake legend of 1920s Seattle bootlegger Roy Aston, the Aston Manor caters to the well-dressed

weekend-specific set, with a richly furnished lounge, EDM and trap-heavy dance floor, and Prohibition-era-inspired cocktails.

Baltic Room

CAPITOL HILL

The Baltic Room hosts top-shelf DJs and occasional live acts with superb sound, an intimate dance floor, and plenty of seating room. The place is swank without being stuffy, and when the dance floor fills up, it feels more like a house party than a nightclub.

Club Contour

PIONEER SQUARE

For those who embrace the late-night Pioneer Square scene (that is to say, the

dense fabric of dance-centric clubs and DJ spots littering the neighborhood with high energy and loud sounds), Contour regularly stays open well past 2 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays with a frenetic DJs-and-dancing scene.

Foundation Nightclub

BELLTOWN

Foundation has made a quick name for itself as a destination hot spot for Belltown bar-hoppers and luxury condo types alike with a top-notch sound system and an international roster of heavyweight DJs stopping through.

Havana

CAPITOL HILL

With its high ceilings, mirrored bar, and

vintage Cuban decor, Havana is airy and elegant, and they serve mojitos for as long as you want them. Every night has a different DJ, usually a good one, and themes including old school 1990s on Tuesdays and rare and popular soul on Thursdays.

Kremwerk and Timbre Room

DOWNTOWN

Known for hosting excellent and eclectic live electronic sets, DJ nights, drag competitions, and queer artist showcases, Kremwerk is a futuristic bunker of a club, situated in a blue-tinted basement in the heart of downtown. Just above is Kremwerk's sister venue, Timbre Room, an attached showroom and patio that boasts equally diverse bookings as what's going on down below. Timbre Room really shines in the summer when its patio is used to the full advantage for early evening dance parties in the warm open air.

Monkey Loft

SODO

Monkey Loft is a surprisingly intimate cocktail bar and DJ venue, with an attempted industrial aesthetic and a destination vibe for dance music enthusiasts. Placing them above the competition is their "Deck," an outdoor, after-hours patio with a fireplace, several seating areas, and pretty incredible skyline views.

Q Nightclub

CAPITOL HILL

Q's interior is sort of like where you'd expect the cast of *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* to party—a wavy collection of pillars and rounded walls in a cavernous but beautifully lit space with lights and a huge wall for visual projections. They also host world-renowned DJs, local house music talent, and have an all-around solid crew of resident spinners.

Trinity Nightclub

PIONEER SQUARE

This is a massive two-tiered, three-room nightclub that features different music in every room, dim sum, and serious partying (like weekly-beer-pong-tournaments-style partying). Plus, it has a stringent dress code, summed up on its website as "No effort, no entry."



STEVEN DIDIS

Notable

Local

Cucci Binaca

DRAG ARTIST

Favorite thing about Seattle you can't find anywhere else?

My favorite thing about Seattle is the weather. The Mother Nature up here really likes to edge you for eight or nine months—but once that sun comes out, people go bananas! Who doesn't like a really good hold and release?

Favorite places to eat, drink, and play in the city?

Whenever I have someone visiting from out of town who wants to go to brunch, I always take them out for dim sum. For really good dim sum, I go to Harbor City. It sometimes gets packed and has a long wait. The best time to go is when they open at 8:30 a.m.

One thing a Seattle visitor shouldn't miss?

Come check out the one-of-a-kind drag scene! If you find yourself here in Seattle on a second Saturday, you should come to Kremwerk and see my drag show, Cucci's Critter Barn!


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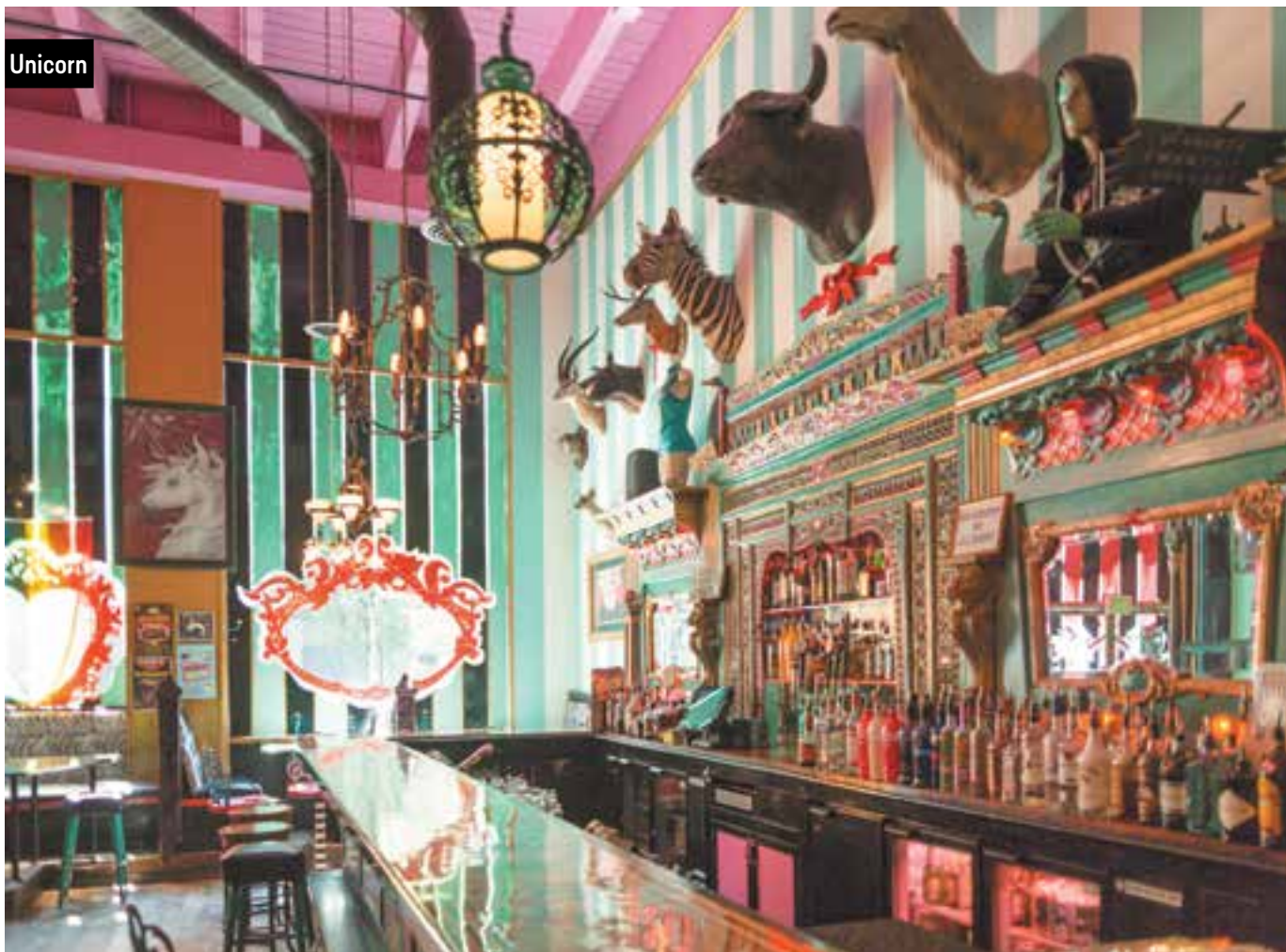
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The Best Places to Get a Drink

BY STRANGER STAFF, JULIANNE BELL, NAOMI TOMKY, AND LESTER BLACK



CHRIS ELTRICH

Hankering for a drink and maybe a bite, but don't know where to go? Never fear: We've hand-picked a selection of Seattle's prime watering holes, from the humblest dives to the kitschiest tiki bars to the schmanciest craft cocktail bars. Read on to discover the places where you can snack on complimentary Goldfish crackers and Cup of Noodles alongside luxe libations, play arcade games and eat fried "unicorn balls" amid circus-themed decor, grab a beer in a place where Kurt Cobain used to hang out, and more.

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This Olive Way speakeasy is hidden away in an unmarked building. You ring the doorbell to enter, and they accept reservations only through text. If it sounds gimmicky, don't worry: With excellent craft cocktails and a Filipino-inspired menu, this place has far more to offer than mere charming mystique. The steak tapa sliders (with Velveeta cheese and a kiss of Kewpie mayo, which makes everything good) and duck-fat-fried patatas bravas are so delicious, you'll catch yourself daydreaming about them the next day. **JB**



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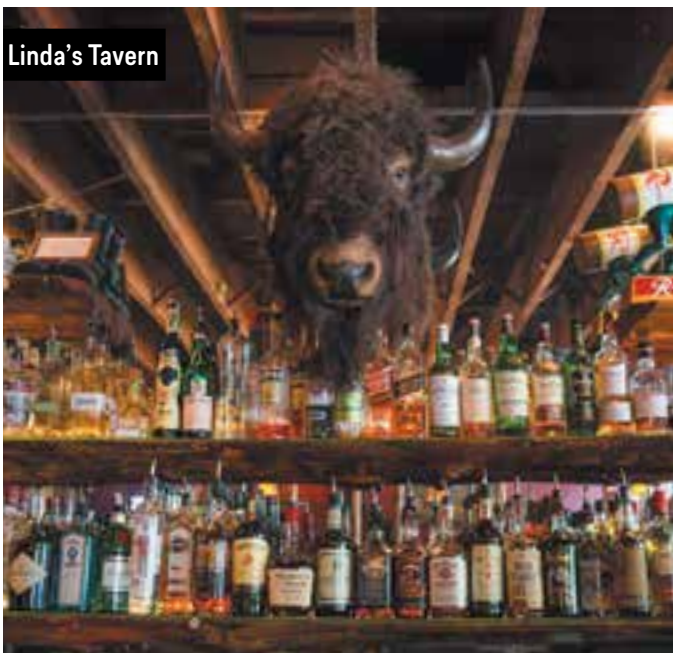
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Linda's Tavern



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BELLTOWN

Inside this dark bar resides one of the most lighthearted happy hours in town (4 to 7 p.m. every day). Billed as “ridiculously” happy, its snacks are snarky but its drinks are serious. Most intriguing, perhaps, is the Daily Punch! (exclamation point theirs), basically a negroni punched up with sparkling wine—a fun, smart twist on an old favorite. Fun is the operative word at this happy hour, where the free Goldfish crackers flow with as much ease as the smiling bartenders’ ordering advice, and the “faux pho ramen” doesn’t cost anything at all. Of course, if you ask for one, you might learn it’s just Cup of Noodles fancied up with lime and herbs. **NT**

Zig Zag Cafe

DOWNTOWN

Tucked away in a nearly secret spot below Pike Place Market, this gorgeous downtown hideaway (which possesses the dubious honor of being referenced in *Fifty Shades Freed*) is the Platonic ideal of a cocktail bar. It’s romantic, intimate, and not too crowded, with solid craft cocktails and an unpretentious, classic Mediterranean-inflected menu. **JB**

DIVE BARS

Hattie’s Hat

BALLARD

With stiff drinks and good food, 100-plus-year-old Hattie’s is one of

Ballard’s most beloved dives. There’s also karaoke on second and fourth Thursdays and, occasionally, other live music in the bar.

Linda’s Tavern

CAPITOL HILL

Under the baleful watch of a taxidermied buffalo, Capitol Hill has hung out at western-themed Linda’s with shots and pitchers of beer for more than two decades, with the additional benefits of a pool table, a good jukebox, comfy booths, and a-okay burgers. Weekend breakfasts are served until the generous-to-the-hungover hour of 3 p.m., and the back patio is pure summertime awesomeness—get there early to stake out a table on sunny days. (Tourist note: This is reportedly the last place Kurt Cobain was seen alive.)

Mecca Cafe & Bar

LOWER QUEEN ANNE

On one side, Mecca is an old-timey counter-and-booth-style diner for those times when only dependable diner food can hit the spot—and dependable it is. On a bad day, one of their good, greasy breakfasts or hot open-faced turkey sandwiches might just save your life. On the other side, there’s one of the world’s best dive bars—narrow, noisy, and well-loved, serving cheap, strong drinks with a no-nonsense attitude. The bar is always dark, timeless, and weatherless,

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Montana

CAPITOL HILL

This graffitied Capitol Hill bar straddles the precarious balance of hip and divey without being too hip or too divey. The pickle-back shots are a one-two punch of bracing vodka and savory brine, and Moscow mules flow forth from a tap. Perhaps best of all, you can grab Malaysian street food takeout from Kedai Makan next door and bring it back to the bar to savor. **JB**

Pacific Inn Pub

FREMONT

The Pacific Inn Pub is an unpretentious place to drink with cheap beer, a jukebox, and superb fish 'n' chips. Located in the Stone Way crawlspace between Fremont and Wallingford, this true neighborhood dive is sure to please all old-school Seattle enthusiasts.

TIKI BARS

Hotel Albatross

BALLARD

Like any good tiki spot, Hotel Albatross buys deep into their own mythology, spinning a legendary yarn on their website about their origins. Inside the Ballard corner bar, though, things are more real-life: Punk music plays loudly in the cavernous space, the menu proffers an eclectic mix of cuisines, and the tiki focus stays mostly at the bar. **NT**

Hula Hula

CAPITOL HILL

After transplanting from Lower Queen Anne to Capitol Hill, this Seattle classic has managed to preserve—even improve—its commitment to tiki life. Hula Hula doesn't half-ass anything—the entire bar is thatched and tiki-ed, and even the karaoke hut is decorated with Hawaiian-themed records. **NT**

Rumba

CAPITOL HILL

This bar cuts across a continent, bringing sun-starved Seattleites directly to the shores of the Caribbean Sea. The bar snakes around the room like water hugging a coastline, encouraging a melting of the Seattle freeze as patrons are

forced to (gaspl!) look toward each other. The bold turquoise-blue seats add pops of color rarely seen in tandem with the flannel and fleece of the local uniform. But neither the bartenders nor the patrons here are beach bums: Rumba, with one of the biggest selections of rum in the country, caters to rum nerds. **NT**

BEER BARS

The Masonry

LOWER QUEEN ANNE, FREMONT

The Masonry might be Seattle's coolest beer spot. On a recent visit, the bar was lined with beautiful people who were dressed well and drinking interesting beer while a vinyl record played in the background. The original location in Lower Queen Anne is an intimate space off Roy Street with graffiti art on the walls and built around a wood-fired pizza oven, while the Fremont location is an expansive, light-filled space with a long bar and plenty of seating. Both have impressive beer lists. The Masonry is the type of place where you can throw a dart at the beer menu and still end up with an amazing beer. Their ability to get kegs from some of the most sought-after breweries in the Pacific Northwest—and the world—is seriously impressive. They serve good pizza and food as well, somewhat of a rarity in Seattle's best taprooms. **LB**

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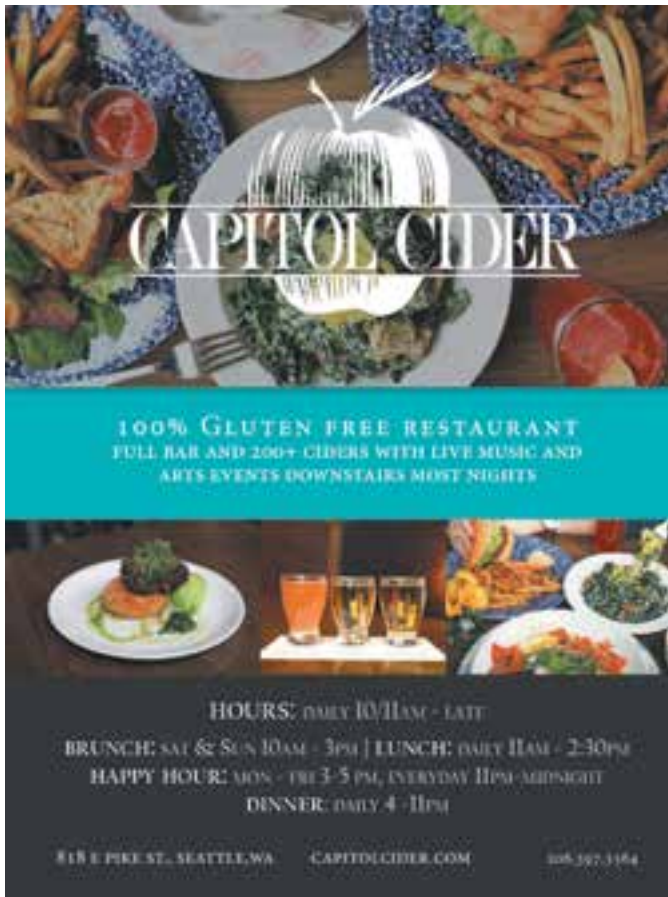
BALLARD

Drinking beer in Ballard is a formulaic process. It basically involves nursing IPAs in cold warehouses while fighting with babies and dogs for a place to sit. It's a redundant formula, but when the IPAs are good, all of those babies suddenly seem worth it. And the hoppy beers at Reuben's are not only good, they're prestigiously good. Since opening six years ago, Reuben's has won dozens of national and international awards for their beers, including three gold medals in the last three years at North America's premier beer competition, the Great American Beer Festival. **LB**

The Pine Box

CAPITOL HILL

The Pine Box is a familiar staple of Seattle's beer scene, and for good reason.



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Hula Hula

SUZI PRATT

Located an easy climb from downtown or an easy descent from Volunteer Park, the Pine Box is housed in a building that was once a funeral home, known for hosting Bruce Lee's funeral in 1973. With comfortable booths and plenty of room, the Pine Box has one of the best curated beer lists in the city, including hard-to-get kegs like Holy Mountain, Cloudburst, and Machine House, as well as a smattering of great out-of-state and international beers. **LB**

ARCADES & GAME BARS

Add-a-Ball Amusements Bar & Arcade

FREMONT

Add-a-Ball is a retro-style arcade and pinball joint that serves booze and snacks to its quarter-laden patrons. It's like the basement you wish you'd had when you were 14, if you were 14 in 1983. They also have a huge back room named Point Break with a whole wall of diner-booth tables, so you can hang out forever playing weird and awesome pinball.

Garage

CAPITOL HILL

Come to the Garage for bowling and billiards in a pretty, late-1920s setting with unusual and above-average pub food that includes truffle potato chips,

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Mox Boarding House

BALLARD

Mox Boarding House—a game store with an impressively large and varied selection, bright and airy interiors, and a long history of hosting everything from board-game competitions to official Magic: The Gathering set releases—is home to what is widely considered the default nerd bar: Cafe Mox. It has large tables, borrowable games, 16 taps, good food you can eat without ruining your cards, and friendly staff that won't judge you for nerding out for hours.

Unicorn and Narwhal

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Unicorn—with its absurd name, rampant stripes, salvaged carousel panels, and menagerie of taxidermy—is insane. The bar serves Jell-O shots, and the place gets wild. The food is carnival-style deep-fried, including various corn dog configurations, "unicorn balls," and elephant ears, as well as good, inexpensive burgers made with Painted Hills beef. Downstairs lies Narwhal, Unicorn's secondary bar, which hosts additional sources of alcohol, as well as arcade games, extremely dark corners, and a stage from which small glories like the weekly *Mimosas with Mama* drag brunch are recurrently presented.


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The Best Gay Clubs, Shops, and Bars

BY CHRISTOPHER FRIZZELLE

Though there are gay people and gay businesses throughout Seattle, Capitol Hill is traditionally the gay neighborhood, and it's where you'll find most of the gay bars, the city's only lesbian bar, and a few zany crosswalks painted the colors of the rainbow.

BARS

Pony

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The only gay bar in Seattle with an outdoor fire pit also has fantastic bartenders, clever DJs, and vintage gay porn (i.e., huge dicks) wheat-pasted to the walls. Plus, there's a photo booth. Plus, a glory hole in the bathroom. What more do you want? Go-go dancers? They have go-go dancers on weekends. A tea dance? Those are Sundays at 4 p.m. Karaoke? They have karaoke on Tuesday nights. Once I showed up on a Tuesday, and the entire cast of a touring production of *The Book of Mormon* was there, singing their hearts out. General rule: The later you show up to Pony, the more crowded it will be.

Madison Pub

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A sports bar for men who like men. They have TVs, darts, pool, video games, and pull tabs. It's popular, crowded, and unpretentious.

Diesel

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Just steps away from Madison Pub and Pony, this bar caters to bears and the cubs who love them.



Pony

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Wildrose

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The only bar in the city for women who date women has a screaming deal on tacos on Tuesdays—\$1 for beef or bean tacos, \$2 for chicken tacos, and \$2 Tecates. On Wednesday night, there's karaoke at 9 p.m., and on Thursdays, well drinks are only \$3.

Queer/Bar

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This bar is trying to do something unique by being a bar for the entire queer community—including trans folks, nonbinary people, lesbians, and good-old fashioned gay men. They also have regular drag performances on the weekends.

R Place

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Three floors of gay bar with dancing up top, R Place also hosts live drag shows, *RuPaul's Drag Race* viewing parties, and karaoke (on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays at 9 p.m.). Other nights, the dancing starts at 10 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Thursdays, there's no cover.

The Cuff

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A leather bar that's frequently crowded with kinksters, jocks, pups, poz socials, and subs willing to shine your shoes, it also has a large outdoor patio. Seattle Men in Leather meet at the Cuff, and lots of gay sports teams have their social functions there. There are several different areas to hang out in, which makes hiding from your ex much easier.

The Eagle

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They have underwear parties on Saturdays, a urinal trough, video projections, an outdoor patio with a string of Christmas lights overhead, and screamingly fun parties.

Neighbours

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This is where the dancing happens. Raised platforms, disco lights, etc. Once a stalwart testament to enduring gayness, Neighbours these days welcomes more and more bachelorette parties. But with more than 30 years under its

belt—the place is older than most of its clientele—Neighbours still hosts plenty of queer nights.

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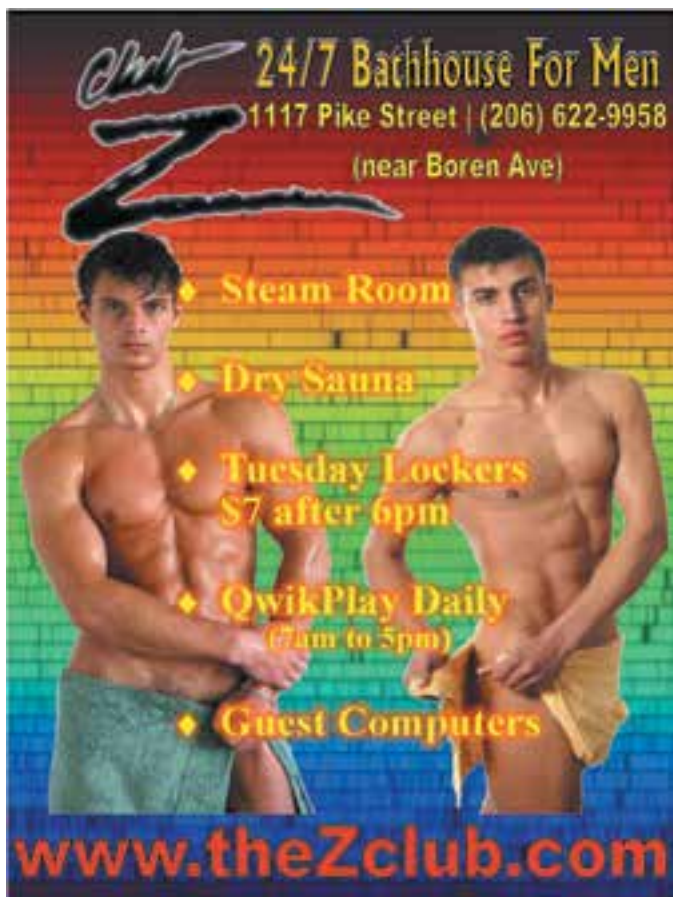
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The best night to visit this gay bar is the first Saturday of the month—kink night. Guys dress up in the most amazing stuff (or sometimes almost nothing at all). On other nights, go for the slide show of naked men on the TVs, the pool table, and the darts.

Kremwerk & the Timbre Room

DOWNTOWN

Kremwerk, located downstairs, is sometimes like a Berlin techno club and sometimes like a punk drag performance venue. Go on the drag nights—but be prepared to get a little blood on you if you sit in the front row. (Or white paint. True story.) Upstairs is the tiny, fun Timbre Room, with a small bar and small dance floor that plays host to popular house music parties and drag events.



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This is the only gay bar in its vicinity, over near the Montlake cut. It tends to attract clean-cut, mainstream folks—older men, twinks, lesbians, and the like. This bar used to be strictly a cocktail lounge when it was on Capitol Hill, but at the new location, there is a full menu.

SHOPS

Babeland

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Vibrators on display, classes on everything from rope bondage to strap-ons to erotic massage, and a friendly staff, Babeland is perfectly suited to women who date women—but gay guys, straight couples, and folks across the spectrum are also welcome.

Changes

WALLINGFORD

This is North Seattle's gay bar—the closest gay bar to the University of Washington, the Ballard Locks, or Northgate. They have pool, darts, Seahawks parties, and karaoke on Wednesdays.

Doghouse Leathers

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A must-stop shop for kinky guys, this place has handmade leather apparel, pup supplies, bondage toys galore, dirty magazines, and a sexy staff.

Outwest

WEST SEATTLE

West Seattle is where gay folks go to retire, and this laid-back bar epitomizes the neighborhood's laid-back spirit. Monday is trivia night, Wednesday is lesbian night, Thursday is karaoke, Friday and Saturday there are DJs, and Sunday is oriented around whatever game is on TV.

The Lumber Yard Bar

WHITE CENTER

This White Center gay bar is lumber-jack-themed. Logs are omnipresent: logs wrapped around the cords of Edison bulbs, logs chained to walls, log benches, log stools, log pictures, etc. The menu includes "wood pellets" (olives in cheese breeding served with marinara) and a mashed potato bar.





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Weed

Buying Recreational Pot Is Safe, Easy, and Totally Legal

BY LESTER BLACK

Hey there, intrepid traveler! Welcome to one of the best places in the world to smoke pot. Not only is our weed amazing, it's also legal—and there's no shortage of beautiful mountains, amazing food, interesting art, and quality music to combine your pot experience with. So let me help you find the right pot for your next trip to Pike Place Market or a night out on Capitol Hill.

Walking into a legal weed shop for the first time can be an intimidating experience for a lot of people. After decades of pot being criminalized, it's natural to feel a bit nervous when you belly up to the bud counter. Even for me, a

pot writer who has visited legal pot shops hundreds of times in multiple states, it still feels surreal every time I buy weed. I have to pinch myself and ask, "Is this really legal?!"

Yes, it *is* legal! Under Washington State law, anyone 21 and older can legally purchase weed from a licensed store. Pot is still, however, completely illegal in the federal government's eyes, but that might change sometime soon. Congressional support for federal pot reform appears to be growing, with some old-fashioned Republicans like John Boehner hopping on the dope train. Even Attorney General Jeff Sessions, our country's most vocal pot prohibition-

ist, recently admitted pot might have some benefits.

So let's go pot shopping! Just like when you go to a bar, you should have your ID ready before walking into a pot store. This is just to verify that you are of legal age; it is not used to track your purchases or anything like that. After you prove that you are at least 21, you'll be introduced to your budtender and your personalized weed-shopping experience begins. This is where things can get confusing. In our state, weed is not a singular thing—there are dozens of different types of products infused with weed and thousands of different varieties of pot plants. A good budtender

will kindly walk you through the specifics of different products and different brands, but here's a little guide to what you can find.

WHAT TO GET: FLOWER, EDIBLES, OR CONCENTRATES?

Let's start with the simplest product—flower. This is the green nugget of awesomeness that you can grind up, put into a glass pipe, smoke, and voilà—you're stoned! We call these sticky little nuggets "flower" because they are literally the flowers of the cannabis plant. You'll often hear Seattleites say cannabis instead of marijuana—cannabis is the scientific name

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for the plant, while the word marijuana has an ugly history of being coopted from Latin American Spanish by the American government as a way of racially stigmatizing and criminalizing pot.

Cannabis is one of the most diverse species on earth. Plants can be anywhere from 2 to well over 15 feet tall and come in a range of colors. The legal weed industry often divides this big world of weed into two groups: indica and sativa. The types of high produced by each group is considered by some to be different, so most pot shops divide their flower selections into three categories—indica, sativa, or a hybrid of the two. Indica is said to be more of a relaxing body high, and sativa is thought of as a more energetic mental high. Don't think of these as hard rules, though—there's lots of evidence that every modern pot plant is a hybrid of indica and sativa, and predicting what kind of specific high you will get is a questionable exercise.

Cannabis flowers are filled with a group of chemicals called cannabinoids that make humans high. The cannabis plant naturally produces these chemicals, as do our own bodies, although the specifics of how and why these chemicals make us high is a matter of debate among scientists. The most powerful of these cannabinoids is tetrahydrocannabinol, usually shortened to THC. While THC is not the only cannabinoid that gets you high, it is the strongest, so we can use THC as a good barometer of how strong a cannabis product is. The legal weed you'll find in Washington is considerably stronger than the reefer of the 1960s and '70s. Back then, a cannabis flower was rarely more than 10 percent THC by weight. Walk into one of Seattle's pot shops today, and you'll find hundreds of strains with more than 20 percent THC, with some even testing over the 30 percent mark.

But don't just shop for the highest THC possible—some of my

favorite strains test at around 15 percent THC. Pot's terpenes, the plant's aromatic essential oils, are equally as important as THC. Look for products that list specific terpene percentages; those companies are taking extra time to focus on flavor and are likely producing tasty products.

If you don't have a pipe to put your flower in or the will to roll your own joint, you can skip a step by buying the weed tourist's best friend: a pre-rolled joint. These are already perfectly rolled and sold in singles or in cute little packs. Because it's easy to conceal inferior weed in a sealed joint, it's worth spending a few more dollars for a higher quality pre-roll. Watch out for infused joints—these can be great, but they are just as likely to be the shittiest weed that has been covered up with an extra dose of cannabis oil.

You can also avoid smoking and opt for one of the many products infused with weed. Whether you're eating weed chocolates or bud-laced peanuts, drinking soda or coffee with pot in it, the label will indicate how many milligrams of THC are in each serving. This is a crucial piece of information. Unlike smoking weed—which will affect you almost immediately—it takes about 30 minutes to an hour before you get high from eating weed. That means an impatient edible consumer can get way too high by eating too much before seeing the effects. It's impossible to overdose on THC, but that doesn't mean you can't hurt yourself by getting too high and then freaking out.

I recommend starting with 5 or 10 milligrams, and then waiting a full hour to see how it affects you. You can always eat more weed if you're not feeling high enough, but only time will reverse the feeling of being way too high.

Speaking of being way too high, there's a third class of products at our bud stores called concentrates. They go by dozens of different annoyingly similar names,

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all questions you have about the products they are selling. We've left the days of pot prohibition behind, when you would need to set up awkward interactions with a drug dealer and feel pressured into buying something. So if for some reason you don't feel like buying the products a pot shop is selling, simply say thank you and leave empty-handed.

WHERE TO IMBIBE

Now that you have your bud, it's time to smoke—but here's where it can get a little bit inconvenient for visitors. You can smoke weed only on private property in Washington, so you can't legally light up while you're walking down the street. If you're staying in a hotel's designated smoking room, you can legally smoke weed if the hotel permits it. Inquire with your accommodation before you light up, though; some hotels have strangely draconian policies regarding smoking weed. State law also forbids any Amsterdam-style weed cafes, which is a real bummer.

That being said, you can still reasonably get away with discreetly smoking weed in public in Seattle. A cop isn't likely to waste their time with you if you're being unobtrusive and smoking away from any big crowds. And if a cop does decide to investigate a stinky smell, they are directed by city law to avoid writing a ticket if possible. They'll likely just ask you to put it out and move on. If you do get a ticket, you don't have to worry about going to jail. Seattle law treats smoking weed in public the same as drinking alcohol in public: a \$27 ticket.

DON'T DO THIS

Driving while stoned is not treated as lightly as public consumption. If a cop thinks you are stoned while driving, they can arrest you and give you a blood test. If you test over the absurdly small level of 5 nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood, you will be convicted of a DUI—no fun. ■

but they are all essentially types of hash—a substance full of pot's active chemicals without much plant matter. These concentrates can test at more than 90 percent THC and can be spread on top of a bowl of flower, rolled into a joint, cued up in a vape pen, or vaporized in a special type of water pipe called a dab rig.

At their worst, concentrates are the moonshine of the cannabis plant—an extremely potent drug that tastes like shit and will leave you in a no-fun stoned stupor. But at their best, concentrates are the essence of top-shelf weed with the best pot flavors and a powerfully uplifting high. Top-shelf concentrates are arguably the most interesting part of legal weed.

The easiest way to consume concentrates is via a vape cartridge that is screwed into an electronic battery, similar to an e-cigarette. These cartridges are pre-filled so there's no fussing with any loose flower or oil, just attach the cartridge and inhale, which makes vaping an easy option if you don't want to deal with the rigmarole of a lighter and a joint.

Dabs, on the other hand, are probably the most involved way to get high and include a blowtorch and a special type of bong. But when employed correctly, the flavor is worth your trouble. If you really love pot, I'd recommend finding a way to dab a top-shelf concentrate—it's an amazing experience.

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Georgetown Carnival

Spend the day playing carnival games, dancing to live music from local bands like Selene Vigil, Stag, Sky Cries Mary, the Black Tones, Freddy Trujillo, and others, making arts and crafts, hanging out in a beer garden, and more. (Georgetown, Sat June 9, 12–10 pm, free.)

Northwest Folklife Festival

Local communities bring their unique cultural traditions to this free-spirited Memorial Day weekend festival. Years past have featured Contra and Cajun dancing, poetry, films, fiddles, sea chants, spoon playing, and Scandinavian storytelling. (Seattle Center, May 25–28, \$10 suggested donation.)

Seafair

Every year, this iconic summer festival (started in 1950) puts on dozens of events throughout Seattle throughout the summer, including community parades, cultural celebrations across the city, and Fourth of July fireworks at Gas Works Park. Other highlights include the 31st Annual Seafair Pow Wow (July 20), which showcases traditional Native American cultures; the Seafair Pirates’ Landing (July 7), in which “pirates” come ashore to snarl in a friendly fashion at the kids; Seafair Derby Day (July 14), when 100 milk carton boats of all shapes, colors, and sizes race around Green Lake; the nighttime Seafair Torchlight Parade (July 28); the West Seattle Summer Fest (July 13–15);

Ballard Seafood Fest (July 13–15); and the culminating Seafair Weekend (Aug 3–5), featuring a Boeing air show, a hydroplane race, wakeboarding, and live entertainment. (Various locations, June 21–Aug 18, \$25–\$150.)

South Lake Union Block Party

South Lake Union throws itself a party, featuring diverse musical pleasures from local bands. There are also food trucks and a beer garden, and, in the past, there’s been a free print-your-own-poster station, a “letterpress steamroller smackdown,” and a “Community Village” featuring booths from local businesses. (South Lake Union Discovery Center, Fri Aug 10, 12–11 pm, free.)

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Bumbershoot 2018

Bumbershoot, Seattle’s biggest music, comedy, and arts festival, will take over Seattle Center for Labor Day Weekend 2018 for the 48th year. This year’s headliners include the Chainsmokers, Lil Wayne, Fleet Foxes, and Eugene Mirman. (Seattle Center, Aug 31–Sept 2, \$220–\$775.)

Capitol Hill Block Party 2018

The giant, two-plus-decades-old music festival Capitol Hill Block Party strikes a well-honed balance between big festival acts with wide appeal and local treasures that are waiting to be discovered. This year, acts including Father John Misty, Dillon Francis, Oh Wonder, and BROCKHAMPTON will take over the Pike/Pine corridor. (Capitol Hill, July 20–22, 3 pm, \$65–\$300.)

Concerts at the Mural 2018

Every year, excellent local radio station KEXP provides free, family-friendly concerts at the Mural Amphitheater at Seattle Center. Local and touring artists are included in each year’s lineup—last year’s included the Helio Sequence, Thunderpussy, and Summer Cannibals. (Mural Amphitheatre, Fridays from Aug 3–24, 5:30 pm, free.)

Downstream Music Festival & Art Show

Downstream Music Festival was created with the intention of supporting local outlier artists without the high ticket costs and big corporate backing of the Paul Allen–sponsored festival Upstream

Music Fest. This year, Downstream will host 28 acts and happen concurrently with Upstream, with 100 percent of the door price split evenly among its artists. The initial requirement for playing Downstream? An official rejection from Upstream, of course. Downstream's ads carry the phrase "Paul Allen is afraid of these bands," and while it's unlikely he will ever hear these bands, this counter-fest was successful in booking weirdo-flag-flying bands like Pukesnake, Visceral Candy, and Hexengeist. Downstream boasts a wide range of genres, opening with metal and foraging into noise, experimental, hip-hop, and rock bills. (*Substation, June 1-3, \$10/day.*)

HONK! Fest West

This family-oriented festival gets you in on the brass, percussion, and street band "global renaissance." Twenty-five or more bands will jam in streets and parks around Seattle as they celebrate this democratic and ebullient musical genre. (*Various locations, June 1-3, free.*)

Kidchella

If your kids wanted to go to Coachella but you, for obvious reasons, didn't want to send them to Indio by themselves for the weekend, head to Kidchella instead for an afternoon of live music from Caspar Babypants, Recess Monkey, and the Not-Its alongside carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, and food trucks. (*Magnuson Park Hangar 30, Sat Aug 25, 10 am-2 pm, \$15.*)

Music Under the Stars 2018

The concept of Music Under the Stars is simple but compelling: A student ensemble sets up in a park and plays to whoever shows up, often folks with picnic blankets in tow and maybe a surreptitious bottle of wine or two. Then, at eight, Benaroya Hall pipes in whatever performance is happening that night (aligned with selections from this year's Seattle Chamber Music Society Summer Festival, which happens concurrently at Benaroya Hall) to the assembled throng—it's basically two shows for the price of none! This summer, MUTS takes place during the month of July, with Mondays at Delridge Playfield, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Volunteer Park, and Fridays at Freeway and Columbia Parks. (*Various locations, July 2-27, 7:30 pm, free.*)

Northwest Terror Fest

Gather your wits for Northwest Terror Fest, a three-day exploration of dark, gritty music that will make you scream for mercy. (*Neumos and Barboza, May 31-June 2, 4 pm, \$15-\$150.*)

Parke Diem

A full day of disc jockeying and dancing under (hopefully) sunny skies, Parke Diem features dance floor vets like Slynk, Lost Boys, Mode4 & Miss Min.D, Paradame, and many others, plus vendors of local art, goods, and food and live art stations with face painting, do-your-own, and more. (*Volunteer Park Amphitheater, 11 am-8 pm, free.*)

Seaprog 2018

Progressive rock refuses to die! That's right, folks: Dennis Rea and company's Seaprog fest offers three days of all the key-change blizzards, tempo-shift typhoons, arcane meters, in-your-face-down-your-esophagus soloing, and hymns to the ethereal a solitary con-

nity is thankful for: namely, jazz (and their neighborhood). Co-sponsored by Earshot Jazz, this fest offers performers like Orville Johnson, Kenny Mandell, and Julie Criswell in a varied sampling of jazz's history to enjoy over Memorial Day Weekend. (*Couth Buzzard Books Espresso Buono Cafe, May 25-28, 7:30 pm, \$10-\$40.*)

Tiki Trailer Bash

DJ Vodka Twist and LUSHY will provide danceable tunes while you take a gander at vintage trailers and cabins (many of which are available to rent) and drink booze. (*Sou'wester, June 8-10, 4 pm, \$25.*)

TUF FEST

This annual, free, all-day/all-night affair is thrown by the local TUF collective of female/nonbinary/trans artists and creatives with an emphasis on electronic music and comes with support from the Seattle Office of Arts & Culture. Panels will cover nuts-and-bolts matters like

Meli Darby, the vast majority of bands are Seattle- and NW-centric. This year's lineup includes R&B thriller and genre-crossover star Miguel, the reunion of legendary punk group Jawbreaker, local candy poppers Tacocat, and psychedelic noise rockers the Flaming Lips. (*Pioneer Square, June 1-3, \$70-\$675.*)

The Vera Project Presents Elysian Brewing's Search Party

Show your support for excellent all-ages music venue Vera Project by dancing to live sets from local rockers Young the Giant, Deerhunter, Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears, and Sundries (as well as KEXP DJs) while drinking Elysian brews. (*Seattle Center, Sat June 30, 2 pm, \$35/\$40.*)

ZooTunes

ZooTunes is a 30-plus-year Seattle festival tradition that brings big-name artists to the bucolic North Meadow of the Woodland Park Zoo. Kids are welcome and can play in the Seattle Gymnastics Academy play area, but, if you're attending without kids, there are also two beer gardens and plenty of kettle corn. This year's lineup will include Ziggy Marley (June 13), the Violent Femmes (June 17), the Roots (July 22), and Pink Martini (Aug 22-23). (*Woodland Park Zoo North Meadow, June 13-Sept 9.*)

FOOD & DRINK

Bite of Seattle

Seattle's "Original Food & Beverage Showcase" rounds up food from over 60 restaurants and pop-up vendors along with craft beer and cider tastings and live music. There's also a movie night on Friday and the Alley, a restaurant showcase benefiting Food Lifeline. (*Seattle Center, July 20-22, free.*)

Brewshed Beer Fest

Washington Wild's Brewshed Alliance partners—including Brewmaster's Taproom, Latona Pub, PicoBrew, Watershed Pub & Kitchen, and Flatstick Pub—will pour over 40 beers. (*Hale's Ales Brewery & Pub, Sat June 9, 1-5 pm, \$20-\$30.*)

Grillfest Northwest

At this carnivorous competition sanctioned by the Steak Cookoff Association, watch expert pitmasters engage in a barbecue battle royale. You can also watch cooking demos, enjoy food trucks and a beer garden, and witness



Fremont Solstice Parade

June 16

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sciousness could possibly snork. Seaprog 2018 artists will include Bubblemath, Cantrip, Ocelot Omelet, Spontaneous Rex, and the Mercury Tree. (*Columbia City Theater, June 1-3, \$30/\$75.*)

SPF30: Sub Pop's 30th Anniversary Party

Sub Pop Records will celebrate their 30th birthday in West Seattle with live sets from bands on their label, food, booze, and a record sale. (*Alki Beach, Sat Aug 11, 12-10 pm, free.*)

Third Annual Couth Buzzard Jazz Festival

Local indie bookstore and cafe Couth Buzzard throws a music festival every year to celebrate all that their commu-

how to set up a PA, career advice like business skills for artists, and critical reflections on the music industry, with a stacked lineup of daytime performers and a late-night after party. (*Judkins Park, Sat July 14, free.*)

Upstream Music Fest + Summit

Upstream is a three-day music festival and summit that takes place in 15+ venues around Pioneer Square. It's Paul Allen's attempt to mold a PNW-focused, SXSW-type large-scale festival, with programming involving many local emerging talents, more than 200 music artists, and acclaimed keynote speakers. Curated by longtime hip-hop booker and former talent-buyer at the Crocodile



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throw-downs between local chefs throughout the day. (*Seattle Center, Sat June 30, free.*)

Little Saigon Festi-Roll

Celebrate "Vietnamese street food with a twist" with a focus on "all things rolled," inspired by spring rolls. Enjoy live performances and inflatable activities and games for kids, test your Vietnamese food-shoveling skills in a pho- and spring roll-eating contest, and browse specialty gifts and products. (*Chinatown-International District, Sun Aug 26, 11 am-7 pm.*)

POUR

As part of Washington State Wine Month, Seattle Urban Wineries' second annual POUR wine festival will offer tastings from over 20 wineries, live music, and food. (*Block 41, Sat June 16, \$35-\$50.*)

Proof: Washington Distiller's Festival

Taste offerings from more than 40 Washington distillers—including 2bar Spirits, Bad Dog Distillery, and Scratch Distillery—supplemented by food from local restaurants, and meet the makers themselves. (*Fremont Studios, Thurs June 7, 5:30-9 pm, \$50/\$75.*)

Seattle Hot Sauce Fest

Enjoy hot sauce tastings, food trucks, a beer garden, lawn games, movies at dusk, and more at this spicy festival. (*Ballard Commons Park, Sat Aug 18, 11 am-11 pm, free.*)

Seattle International Beerfest

This three-day specialty beerfest boasts everything from classic beers to "a gaudy selection of top-rated double IPAs, farmhouse/saisons, sours, barleywines,

imperial stouts, barrel-aged strong ales, and anything else delicious yet shunned by the masses" and a lush grass area on which to spread picnic blankets, in addition to indoor and outdoor seating. (*Fisher Pavilion, July 6-8, 12-10 pm, \$25-\$40.*)

Seattle Street Food Festival

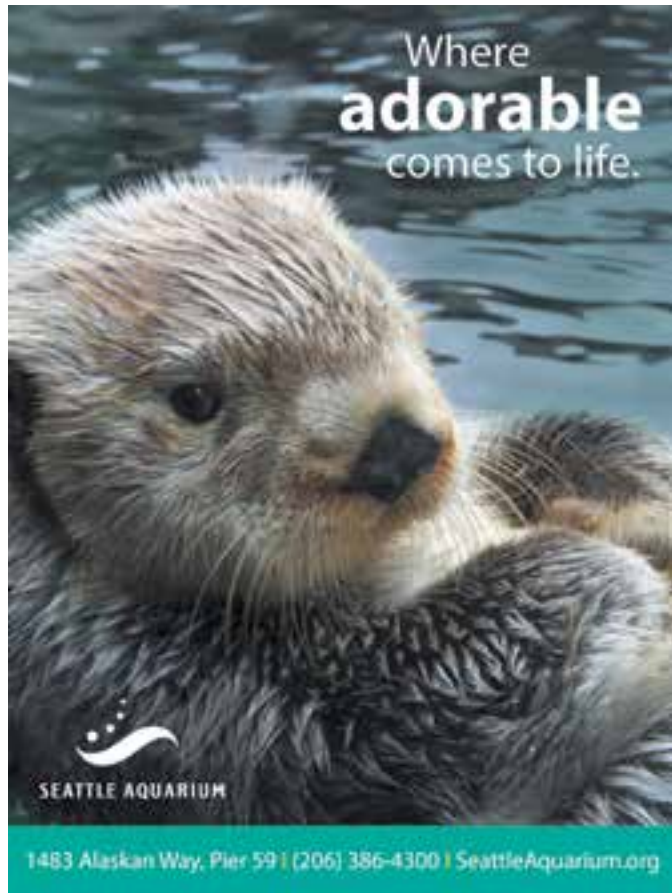
This curbside festival from Mobile Food Rodeo gathers food trucks, trailers, street food vendors, and handmade shops on the streets of South Lake Union for a night of gluttony. Past events have featured over 150 vendors. This year's event will also feature a night market beneath the stars from 6-11 pm on Saturday. (*217 9th Avenue N, July 7-8, free.*)

Second Annual Rosé Experience

A week before National Rosé Day, taste more than 15 varieties of pretty-in-pink wine, including Charles Smith's CasaSmith ViNO Rosé, K Vintners Rosé, and Charles & Charles Rosé, and take in tunes from indie rocker Lucy Dacus and indie folk rock five-piece Vetiver. (*Charles Smith Wines Jet City, Sat June 2, 1-6 pm, \$35.*)

The Taste of West Seattle 2018

At the 13th year of this annual event, load up on nosh and drinks from more than 50 different restaurants, breweries, wineries, coffee shops, bakeries, chocolatiers, food stores, and more as they compete for the titles of "Best Taste," "Best Pour," "Best Sweet," and "Best Sip." Plus, enjoy a photo booth, live music, restaurant gift card giveaways, and more. 100% of proceeds will go to West Seattle Helpline, a nonprofit which provides emergency assistance for low-income families in need. (*The Hall at Fauntleroy, Thurs May 24, 6-9 pm, \$75-\$125.*)



West Seattle Beer & Music Festival

At the first edition of this new annual event, try an array of craft beers from breweries near and far and explore tastes of brews with food pairings, all accompanied by the sounds of local bands and DJs. The festival will raise funds for the Westside Baby Co., "the only social service agency in the western King County area that collects, inspects and distributes free diapers, clothing, cribs, and safety gear for babies and children." (Alki Masonic Lodge, Aug 24–26, \$25–\$275.)

CULTURE

Bite of Greece

Spend three days feasting on spanakopita, baklava, and loukoumades, hearing live Greek music, and watching special performances. (Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption, June 1–3, free.)

Black Arts Fest

Festival Sundiata presents a two-day celebration of African American culture, including African dance and drumming workshops, fashion demonstrations, a market, food, and more. (Seattle Center, June 16–17, free.)

BrasilFest

Get a glimmer of Brazil's African, Portuguese, and indigenous roots with classical guitar, samba, and traditional folk music performances. Plus, watch a capoeira martial arts demonstration, take in glittering costumes, and taste a variety of traditional foods. (Seattle Center, Sun Aug 19, free.)

DragonFest

This annual festival celebrates a variety of Asian cultures with two days of performances, food, and activities. See dragon and lion dances, traditional Korean drumming, martial arts demonstrations, and performances from the Chinese Girls Drill Team, and taste bites from 40 different restaurants on the annual Food Walk. (Chinatown-International District, July 14–15, 12 pm, free.)

Iranian Festival

Learn about Iranian culture through performances and poetry, and enjoy face painting and traditional cuisine. (Seattle Center, Sat Aug 11, free.)

Pagdiriwang Philippine Festival

This is a series of workshops, exhibits, demonstrations, and performances

that highlights Filipino history, art, and culture. (Seattle Center, June 2–3, free.)

Polish Festival

Enjoy traditional Polish food, music, and dance, plus a market and workshops. (Seattle Center, Sat July 7, free.)

Spirit of Indigenous People

With a focus on music, dance, and crafts, this festival celebrates Native Americans. (Seattle Center, Sat June 9, free.)

Tibet Fest

Join a group dance, create a Sand Mandala, and learn about the ancient art of herbal medicines. You'll also find handcrafted goods, prayer flags, children's activities, and traditional food. (Seattle Center, Aug 25–26, free.)

Umoja Fest

Celebrate African diaspora culture in the Northwest by joining the Africatown Heritage Parade (featuring dance troupes and drill teams), dancing to live music (including Soul N the Park, a roots stage, and a hiphop stage), watching the Heal the Hood Basketball Tournament, eating from food trucks, and shopping for goods at a marketplace. (Judkins Park, Aug 3–5, free.)

ARTS & PERFORMANCE

Alki Art Fair

There will be juried art, three stages of music, kids' activities, and lots of food at this large community fair on scenic Alki Beach. (Alki Beach, July 28–29, free.)

Arts in Nature Festival

The Arts in Nature Festival presents a series of acoustic, unplugged performances by musicians, dancers, actors, and more across several stages, plus participatory art happenings set against the most beautiful backdrop: Mother Nature. Also come for artsy hikes, food, and a beer garden. (Camp Long, Aug 25–26, \$10–\$50.)

Converge Dance Festival 2018

The fifth annual Converge Dance Festival will stage works by eight choreographers who are just coming into their own or hitting mid-career. The festival will focus on strengthening ties to the local community and providing a showcase for Seattle's performers and dance artists. (Velocity Dance Center, May 25–26, \$20–\$30.)



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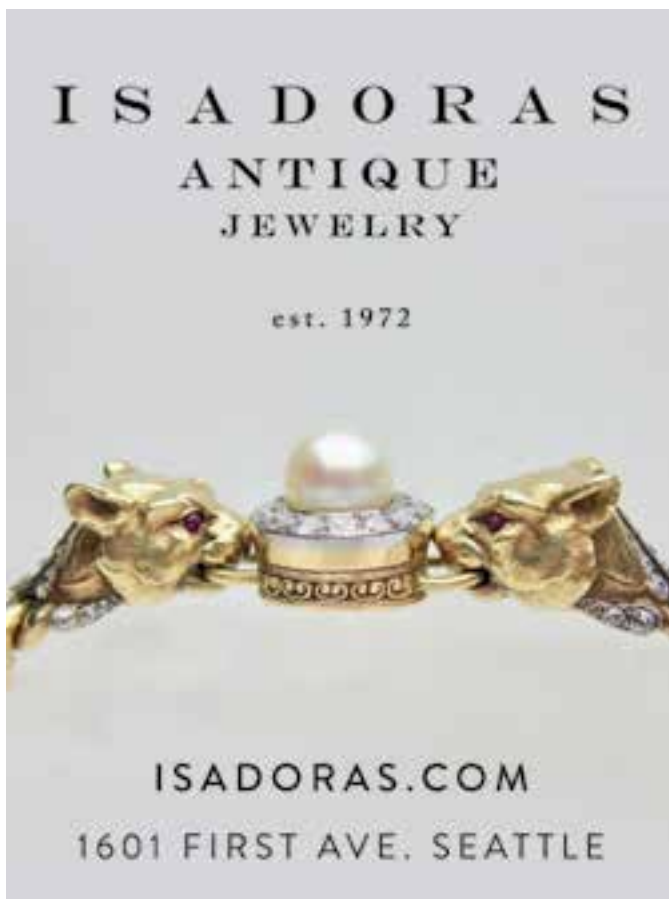


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Georgetown Garden Walk/ Cross Pollinate

Artists paint in local gardens and create multimedia installations at this yearly festival of greenery and paint. (*Georgetown, Sun July 8, 10 am–3 pm, free.*)

PhotoFest

Glazer's PhotoFest will feature sales, free workshops, and photowalks. (*Glazer's Camera, June 9–10, free.*)

Renegade Craft Fair

Renegade Craft Fair ("the largest independent craft fair in the world") will return to Magnuson Park, bringing along a few hundred makers selling their wares, conducting DIY workshops, vending food and drinks, and more. (*Magnuson Park Hangar 30, July 21–22, 11 am–6 pm, free.*)

Seattle Art Fair

About the 2017 Seattle Art Fair, *Stranger* contributor Emily Pothast wrote, "The first Seattle Art Fair was aspirational, with the lofty goal of establishing Seattle as an art destination. The second tested its staying power: Would the dealers find reasons to keep returning after the novelty had worn off? Fortunately, the answer appears to be yes. 'When an art fair has made it into its third year, it's officially established,' says Marcella Zimmermann [of Cultural Counsel, the New York-based firm handling PR for the Seattle Art Fair]. Galleries from Korea, Canada, Japan, the UK, China, Singapore, and France will display pieces, with New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco also well represented. And, of course, some of Seattle's most essential galleries will attend in force: Davidson, Greg Kucera, Foster/White, Linda Hodges, and more. (*CenturyLink Field Event Center, Aug 2–5.*)

Seattle Butoh Festival

Celebrate the art of Butoh (a modern Japanese dance, in which the performers are often covered in white body paint) at this two-day performance featuring DAIPAN members and guest artist Mushimaru Fujieda all the way from Japan. (*Various locations across Seattle, July 5–15, free–\$300.*)

Seattle International Comedy Competition

A lengthy last-comic-standing battle rages at this annual competition. About 30 comedians will start the contest, and one will finish a champion. Celebrity judges and audience reactions will

determine who passes the preliminaries and who becomes a finalist. (*Laughs Comedy Club, June 1–30, \$10/\$15.*)

Seattle International Dance Festival

For 16 days, dancers from around the world (and some local stars) will perform in indoor and outdoor venues. Some events will be free and all-ages. In general, the focus is on innovation and diversity—expect to be inspired and occasionally unnerved. (*Various locations across Seattle, June 7–23, \$14–\$135.*)

Seattle Outdoor Theater Festival

Theater is alive in Seattle, but, as in most places, it generally isn't cheap. GreenStage, Theater Schmeater, and Wooden O Productions set out to change that in 2001 with the first Outdoor Theater Festival. Watch Shakespeare plays and more contemporary pieces from the festival's founders and seven other theater companies over what will hopefully be a sunny weekend. (*Volunteer Park, July 14–15, donation.*)

Seattle Tattoo Expo

For enthusiasts of permanently decorated flesh, here are three days to admire the art of the tattoo needle-wielder. See displays, attend seminars, and find the right artist to punch that sweet RBG tat into your skin. (*Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, Aug 17–19.*)

Summer at SAM

These Thursday and Saturday events offer a range of family-friendly arts programming throughout the Olympic Sculpture Park, including yoga, zumba, tours, shows, workshops, food, and more. (*Olympic Sculpture Park, July 12–Aug 30, Thurs & Sat, free.*)

Urban Craft Uprising Summer Show

"Seattle's largest indie craft show" boasts a very large number of vendors—150 or more—selling toys, clothing, jewelry, food, clothes, crafts, etc., etc., etc. It's a boon for small business owners and customers alike. Just be prepared for crowds: These markets can easily draw 12,000 indie shoppers. (*Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, June 30–July 1, free.*)

Wedgwood Art Festival

The small but appealing local fair with painting, craft, sculpture, and music will

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July 20–22



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feature photography by Drew Collins, pottery by Sarah Bak, art by Kyoko Niikuni, and work by more than 60 other creators. (*Our Lady of the Lake*, July 14–15, 10 am–5 pm, free.)

Wooden O

A handful of parks throughout Washington State will host free performances of two classic Shakespeare plays—the *Merry Wives of Windsor* and *King Lear*—on various days throughout the summer. (Various locations, July 12–Aug 12, free.)

Yellow Fish Durational Performance Festival

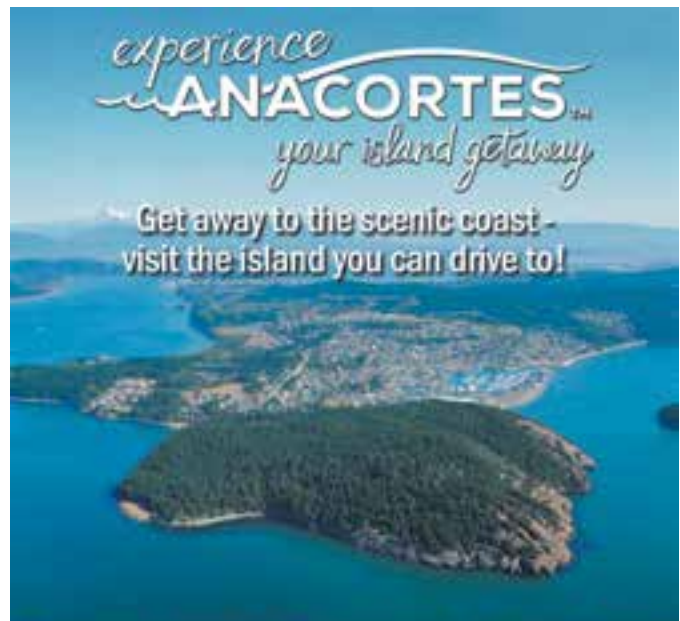
Witness art as an expression of endurance—and no, we're not talking about sitting through an Eli Roth movie or something. Yellow Fish sends performers to various parts of Capitol Hill to say "fuck you!" to exhaustion, boredom, irritation, pain, and the grinding passage

of time in pieces that last from one to 48 hours. Think Marina Abramović fasting and remaining mute for 12 days in front of an audience, or EJ Hill lying in wooden roller coaster for three months. While Yellow Fish's artists won't be holding poses for quite so long, they'll still mount a challenge to the idea that performance art should be brief and digestible. (Capitol Hill, Aug 27–31.)

FILM

Movies at the Mural

Park your bum on some blankets in front of Seattle Center's Mural and see free, highly enjoyable movies, like *The Princess Bride*, *Get Out*, and *Wonder Woman*. Each screening will be preceded by short films by Cornish College of the Arts students. (Mural Amphitheatre, July 28–Aug 25, Sat, 9 pm, free.)



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Seattle International Film Festival 2018

The 44th annual Seattle International Film Festival is the largest film festival in the United States, with more than 400 films (spread over 25 days) watched by around 150,000 people. It's impressively grand and one of the most exciting and widely attended arts events Seattle has to offer. Highlights this year include the opening film, Isabel Coixet's *The Bookshop* starring Emily Mortimer; *Sorry to Bother You*, musician Boots Riley's debut about a black telemarketer (Lakeith Stanfield) who discovers he has a magical power; and *Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot*, a Gus Van Sant comedy-drama starring Joaquin Phoenix as the Portland cartoonist John Callahan. (Various locations, \$14–\$1,800, through June 10.)

Seattle Outdoor Cinema

This 21+ series invites you to snack on street food from the night market and relish classic movies, beginning with *Jurassic Park* on June 16. (South Lake Union Discovery Center, June 16–Aug 18, third Fri, 7 pm, free.)

GEEK

Ace Comic Con

Emerald City Comic Con was in March, but you have another chance to meet your superheroes: Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, and Tom Hiddleston are the biggest guest names. And, of course, you can meet dozens of comic artists and pick up souvenirs. (WaMu Theater, June 22–24, \$46–\$96+.)

PAX West

PAX West is an annual convention in Seattle devoted exclusively to gaming, and, since it started in 2004, it has become one of the two largest gaming events in North America, along with its Boston spinoff, PAX East. The convention features panels, an exhibit hall, new game demonstrations, and special guests. (Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Aug 31–Sept 3.)

QUEER

PrideFest Capitol Hill

For the fifth year in a row, a glorious mass of rainbow flag-bearers will reclaim the streets of Capitol Hill—a historically queer neighborhood—for PrideFest. (Capitol Hill, Sat June 23, 12–9 pm, free.)

Upstream Music Fest + Summit

June 1–3



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PrideFest Seattle Center

The day after PrideFest Capitol Hill, head to Queen Anne for a celebration of LGBTQ+ arts and culture. (Seattle Center, Sun June 24, 12–8 pm, free.)

Seattle Pride Parade

The streets of downtown will fill with rainbow flags as thousands of LGBTQ+ Seattleites and allies gather for the annual Pride parade. This year's theme is "Pride Beyond Borders." (Downtown Seattle, Sun June 24, free.)

Volunteer Park Pride Festival

Kick off Pride season at the beautiful Capitol Hill park's annual celebration, which will feature live music, food trucks, a beer garden, craft booths, and more. (Volunteer Park, Sat June 9, 12–7 pm, free.)

WEED

Seattle Hempfest

This massive annual cannabis convention boasts five stages of speakers and live music, plus crafts, food, and informational vendors. (Myrtle Edwards Park, Aug 17–19, donation.)

OUT OF TOWN

13th Annual Washington Brewers Festival

Experience the dizzying choice of over 500 beers from over 100 Washington brewers at this festival in Marymoor Park. There's also a root beer garden with specialty root beers, a kid's playground, 17 food vendors, and music and entertainment all weekend. (Marymoor Park, Fri June 15, \$25–\$30.)

25th Annual Juan de Fuca Festival

Fans of music, comedy, and dance will fill the lovely waterfront town of Port Angeles with melodies and festivities for a whole weekend this spring. Special guests include Naomi Wachira, Pearl Django, and many more. (Vern Burton Memorial Community Center, May 25–28, \$25–\$75.)

BAM Artsfair

Shop arts from more than 300 creators and take advantage of free admission to the Bellevue Arts Museum at this annual festival, which they claim is the largest arts and crafts fair in the Northwest. (Bellevue Arts Museum, July 27–29, free.)

Chateau Ste. Michelle Summer Concert Series

Every year, the Chateau Ste. Michelle winery lays out a full summer season of music legends and cultural luminaries. From Sheryl Crow to Chris Isaak to Rodrigo y Gabriela, this stacked lineup occurs in single shows every few days from June to September. (Chateau Ste. Michelle, June 10–Sept 15.)

Chomp!

This community festival aims to promote healthy eating and living through live music, local food purveyors, sustainability workshops, and family activities. (Marymoor Park, Sat Aug 18, free.)

Doe Bay Fest 11

Doe Bay Fest's weekend of camping, local music, food, and dancing in a little Orcas Island cove will return for its 11th year. (Doe Bay Resort, Aug 1–6, \$195.)

In the Spirit Northwest Native Festival

For the 13th year, Native artists will showcase their work in this juried show in Tacoma. (Washington State Historical Society, June 30–Aug 12.)

Kirkland Summerfest

Head to downtown Kirkland for two days of live music, juried art shows, kids' activities, and food. (Kirkland, Aug 10–12, free.)

Kirkland Uncorked

This summer wine festival, which benefits no-kill shelter Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, encompasses a 21+ tasting garden with wine tasting, a "burger brawl," and music, as well as a street fair with a boat show, a food truck feast, and other activities. (Marina Park, July 13–15, \$10–\$25.)

Marysville Strawberry Festival

Enjoy all Marysville has to offer: parades, a carnival, markets, a car show, the Berry Run, and a strawberry shortcake-eating contest. (Marysville, June 9–17.)

Vashon Island Strawberry Festival

Vashon Island will celebrate its 109th Strawberry Festival with a grand parade, a classic car show, live music, vendors, an "alternative carnival," a pancake breakfast, and more. (Vashon Island, July 20–22, free.)

Washington State Fair

Kicking off on Labor Day weekend, this 20-day fair will grace Puyallup with food, rides, and entertainment from the likes of Macklemore, Khalid, and Toby Keith. (Washington State Fair Events Center, Aug 31–Sept 23.)



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ozziesinseattle.com

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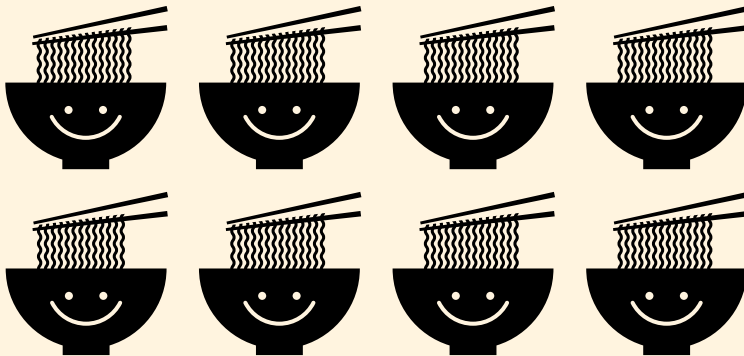
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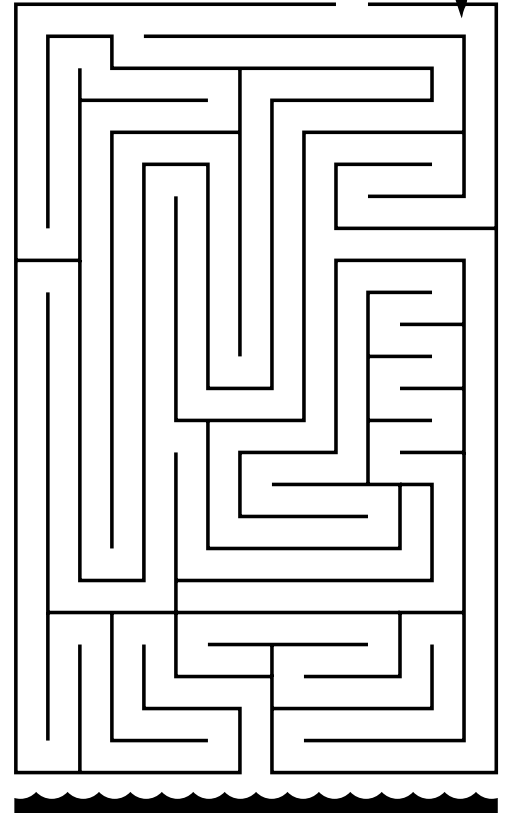
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